



Challen 3

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challengers

I guess
you could
say that
"Whatever
Will Be," has
become.

I bet they had
a wild good time
last night.

Mitsugu
Kurokawa
was in
love with
Tomoe
Tatsumi.

Ain't
gonna know
until I ask,
though...

'cause three
was company.
And I had
to make like
a tree.

HOT
WATER

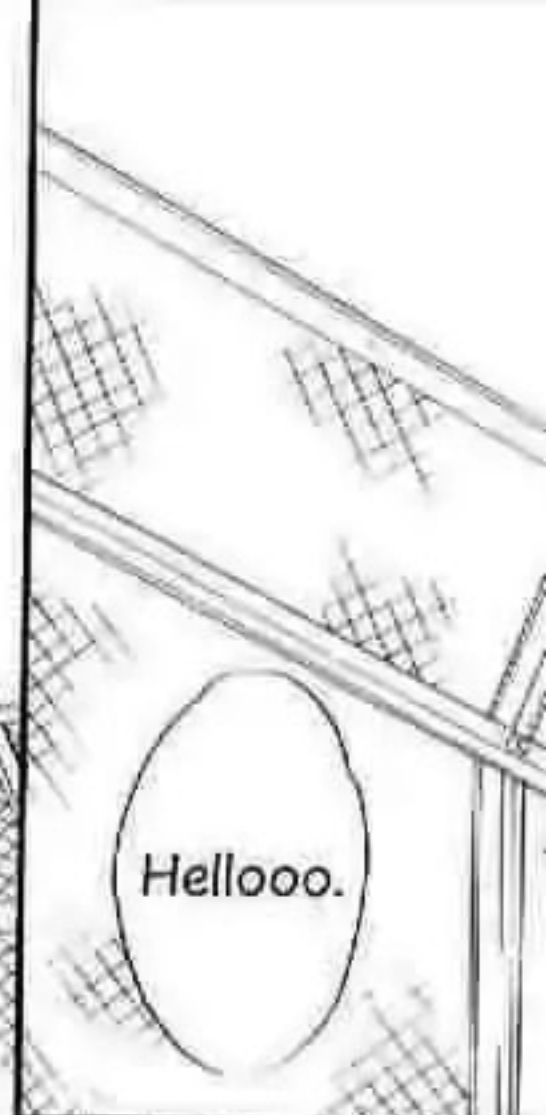
Good
morning.

YUP

And
compared
to what
they went
through...
their

decision
yesterday
to become
a couple
came rather
easily.





THAT'S
NOT IT,
YOU
ASS!!

SIGH

You
screwed
up?

...



SILENCE



...



OK...
So maybe
that is
it...

GLOOM



Oh,
jeez!!

Can I tell
you what
happened?!
You'll listen,
won't you?!

It's
so
awful!!

WAA
A
SIGH

Sure,
try me.



Uh—
um—

Please
wait
a...



...

Suddenly,
they
were in
position
...

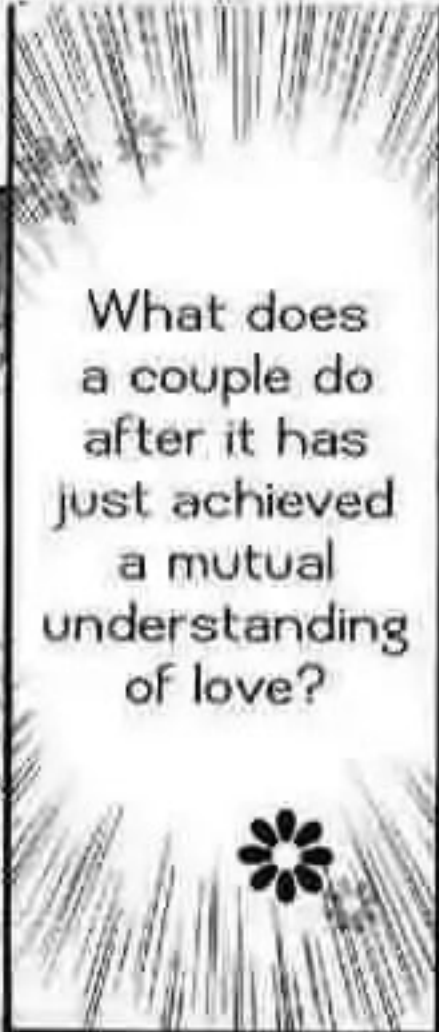
Time → After the
previous chapter
Place → They
seem to have
migrated
to a bed



Uh-
huh,

there's
just one
thing.

Oh.
that.



What does
a couple do
after it has
just achieved
a mutual
understanding
of love?



...



...

to make
"Whatever
Will Be—"
become!!

To the
surprise and
elation of all!



Until,
at last
...

THAT
HURTS!

OW,
OW!

POP

!

Pl...
please stop,
Kurokawa-
san!

Ahh!

HUFF HUFF
HUFF HUFF

Does
it really
hurt that
much?

...I'm
sorry
...



You can't
make me
do it!

DASE!

Ah,
will you
wait a
minute?!

I can't
believe you
did that!

Tatsumi-
kun?!

I
can't!

**FUSS
FUSS
FUSS
FUSS
FUSS**

*I really
can't!*

Huh?

I
CAN'T.

**YOU'RE
NOT
PUTTING
THAT IN
THERE!!**

I
CAN'T
DO IT.

**ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT!!**

I CAN'T!
**FUSS
FUSS
FUSS
FUSS**

Wait
a...

WAIT!



This...

This can't be happening, can it?!

Don't call us stupid!

...You guys are stupid.

SIGH

So lame.

I'm...
DARKNESS
just normal size...



...!!

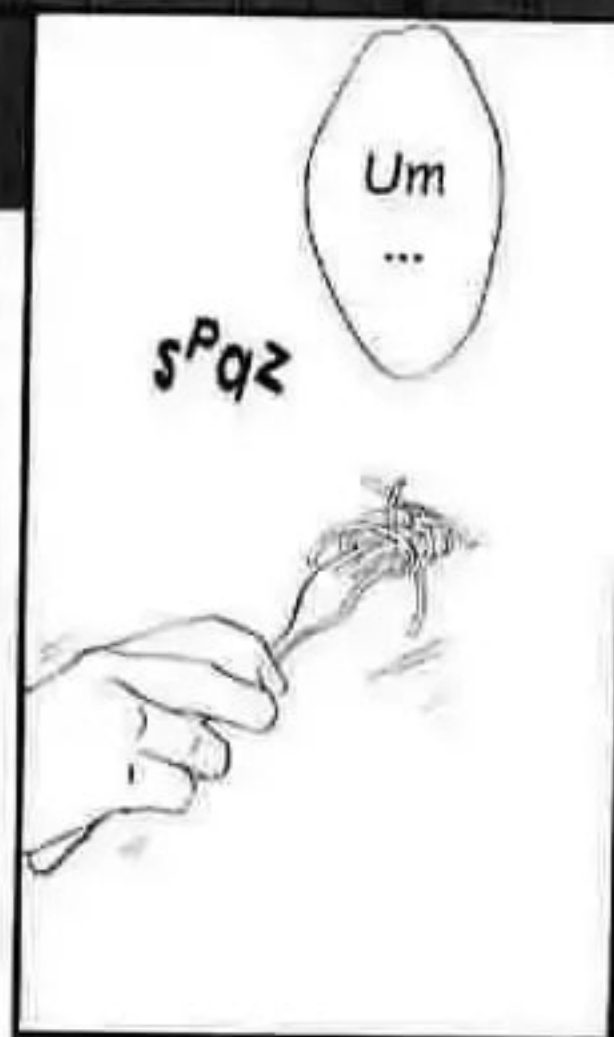
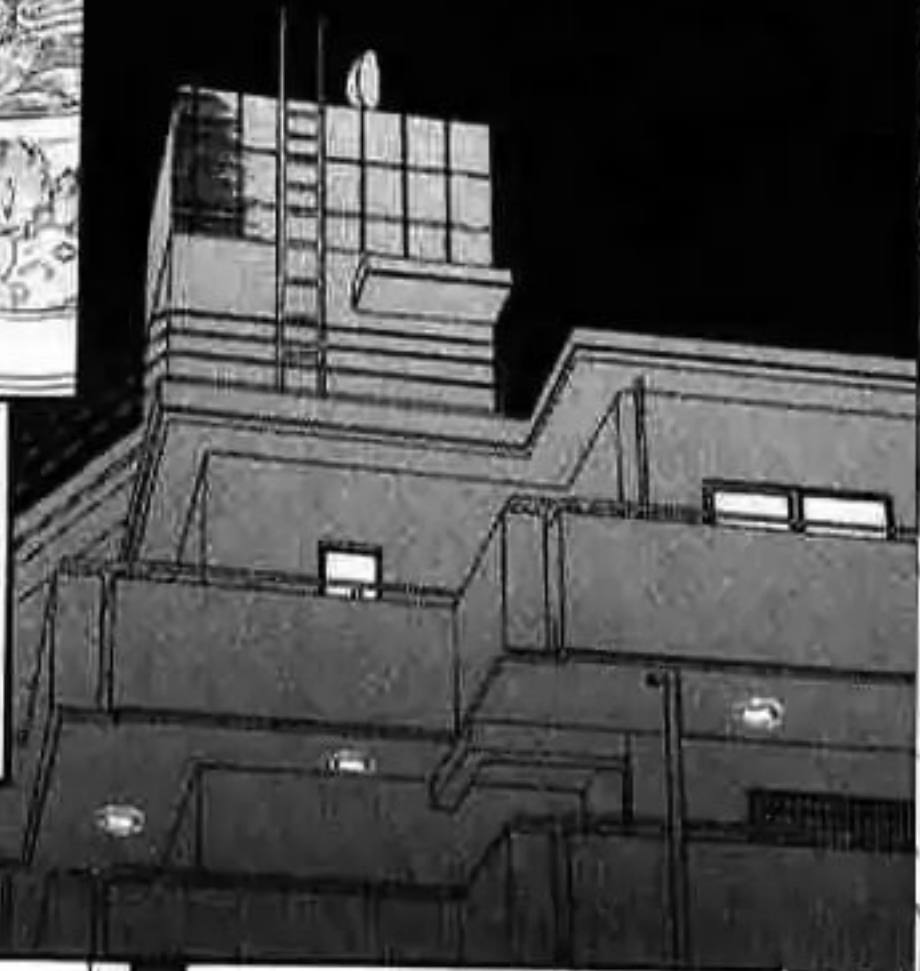
But—
I guess that's not the issue...

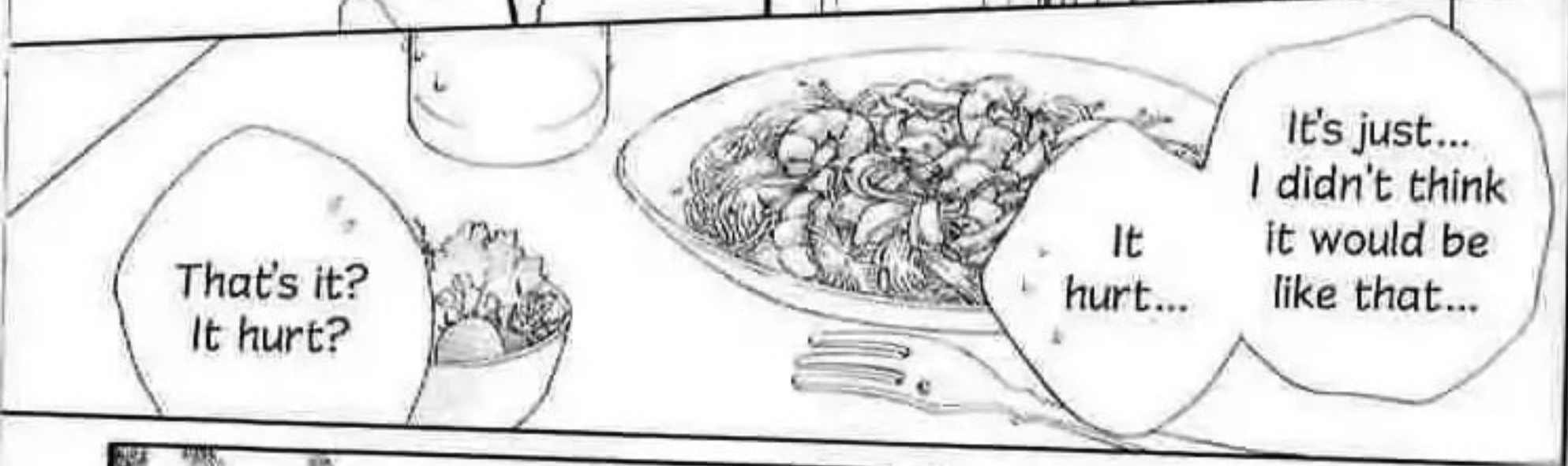
How should I know?!

Figure it out your damn selves!!

So, what do you recommend in this situation?

Ugh, what a waste!
You've totally wasted our lunch break!!





G-
Good question...

Can you do that...?

If so, why didn't you?

YEAH

I may not know the precise method, but...

I can make up for it with enthusiasm!!

Are you saying that's not enough?

Ack!

SLAM

And?

And, thus...your days of being a fruitless fruit continue...

Further efforts proved in vain...



It's just
that the one
incident has
completely
turned him
off...

it's not as
though it's too
late now to do
anything...

The
thing
is...

I GUESS
THIS REALLY
DOES COUNT
AS A
SCREW UP.

WEEP

DEPRESSED

Yeah.

The first
screw up
always hurts.

You can't
mean...

A
specialist...
like who
...?

I think you
need to talk to
a specialist.
...Why don't
you?

Yup. The
guy who looks
like two-layer
gelatin...

In this case,
someone who's
very familiar
with homo-
sexual
instincts.

Two-layer
gelatin

NO!

No!

I'd rather
die horny
than ask
him for
advice!

SCREECH

Hmph.

You may
have your
way.

HEH
HEH HEH
HEH
HEH HEH
HEH

I'm too against
the possibility
of that
situation.

For
this is some
a very unknown
scary reason.
gay
guy.

In your case,
we'll have a
little hands-on
learning~

Okay,
then try a
male escort
service in
Kabuki-chou.

UH

That's,
uh...

How can you
be gay and be
prejudiced
against gays...?

CLIP

Anyway, I
figured you'd
nix that, so...

Here.

Huh?

...What
good... is
that...?



Or do you
want to go *alone*
to Kabuki-chou,
the *Sodom*
of Tokyo?

*At least here
you'll have me. ♡*

No one's
going to
Kabuki-
chou!!

But I need
an excuse
to go.

Admit it,
you just
want to
go for
yourself!!

Never
mind that
your friend
is genuinely
distressed!!

A place like
this is bound
to be run by
some old sex
veteran guy,

who'll
be happy
to impart
wisdom on
you. ♡



...You want something?



...

It was just the two of us, anyway, so no big deal.

Don't worry about the club...

Ah... Yes.

Oh?

I came because I haven't seen you at school lately...

So sorry, but I quitted club.

I thinkd you'd understand.

Actually, I'm here because I want your advice...

You asking love
advice from
jilted lover?

Has you
no shame?

I... I'm
sorry...

What you
thinking?!

Is you
for real,
Tomoe?

And I thought,
"Rick would know
better than
anyone..."

It's just...
It's just there's
no one else I
can talk to.

See,

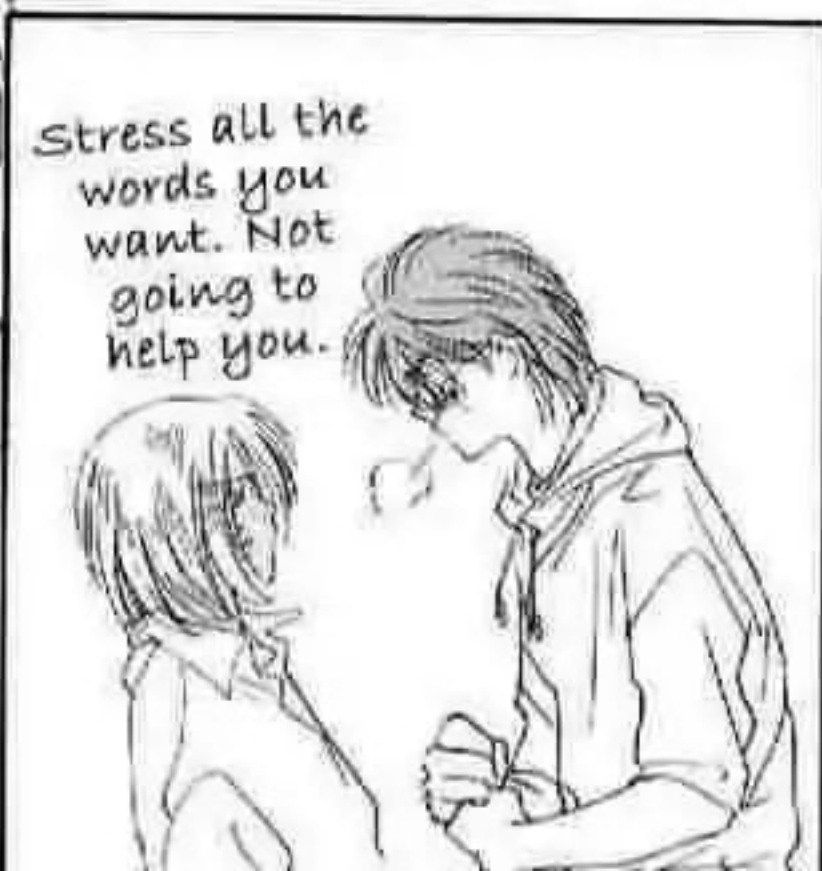
in *my*
case...

cocky

All my
experience
not for
nothing!

I've been
gay since
day 1
born!

HM
Well,
I must
admit!





Uh-
Ah!

Wait a
minute!!

I really
good in
bed.♡

Not too
late to change
horse in race
of love. What
you say?



Problem
is Ooya-san
**BAD IN
BED.**



STARE

GASP



Greetings.

He really
cramping
my style

You're still
in Japan...?

I lack the
funds to go
home...



I forgetted you
was here...

Ph...

Phil...

BLU
SH

...Just
pretend I'm
not here...

Ah...
don't stop
on my
account.



But ...

Isn't there any way we could just **not** do it...?

I really don't think... I can **do** it...

At any rate, don't believe a word he says.



Everyone's first time is painful.

Then it gets better as you go.

Phill!!



Does you **really** love Ooya-san?

Answer, Tomoe...



Huh?

Those people are weird, and I no like them.

But that's not the case for every-one...

me, for instance.

Totally weird!



I suppose ...that's usually the case...

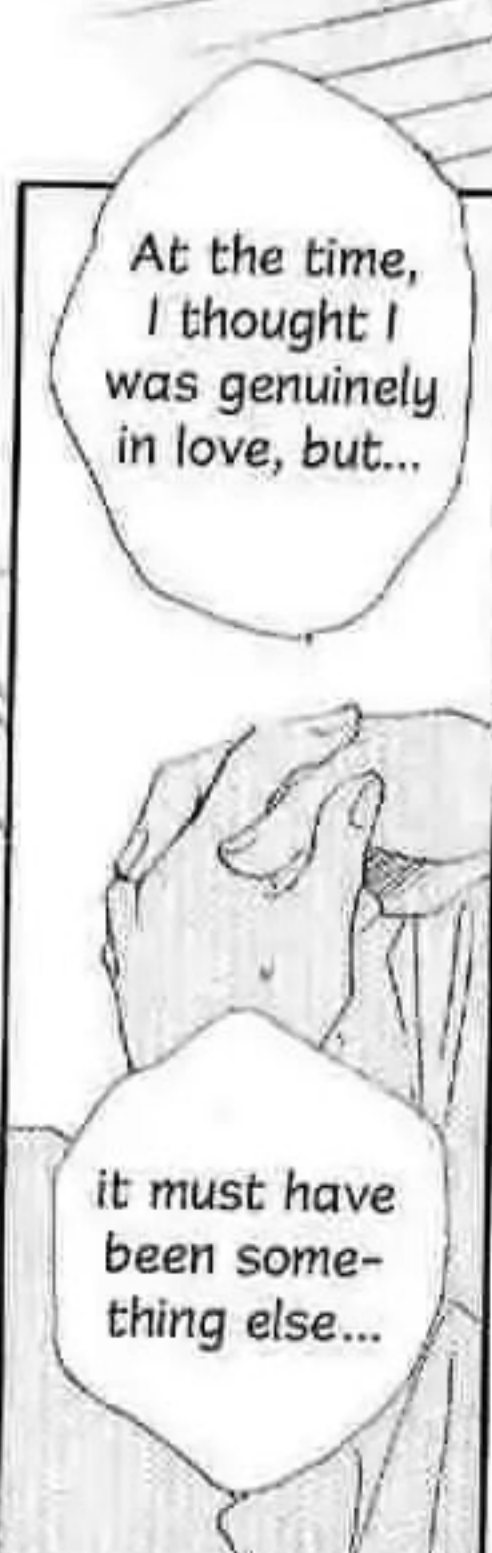
Because ...

Huh?

Huh?

If you really love someone, you want make love, right?

And no matter that it hurt ♡





Okay, I
know what's
going on.

...



I wonder
how anyone
can tell

PAT

NOD
NOD

?

DRAG

Come
along,

we're
going
out.

Um
...

Where
...?

when
they're
really in
love or
not...

TOYS

This place seems shady...

And so do we, wearing these.

They make us stand out *more*.

It's blasphemous to walk into this kind of shop with an honest face.

Urm.

...

...To the drug store.

?

I can't believe we are actually here.

!

What jackass came up with THAT?

I never heard of any such thing before...

That's why I'm here to teach you. ♡

SLITTHDU

Why do we have to wear them?

It's industry courtesy!



At least one
of us is having
a good time.

That
ass...

Say
...

I think I
get it.
You're...



Gay...

GEH SHOCK

One look at
me, and I'm
pegged as a
homo!

Am I
that
obvious?!

I can't
live like
this!

AHH!

Then I
take it
he's your
boyfriend.
♡



B-DMP
B-DMP
B-DMP
B-DMP
B-DMP

Oh,

I was
right?

What gave
it away?!

Wh-





First
things
first.

Ah
...

Is that
how it's
done?

THIS IS SO
EDUCATIONAL.

Anything
like that
will provide
some relief.

We need
to do some-
thing about
the pain.

*Waseline,
or baby oil,
or something
.....

YANK

PHIL!
LISTEN
TO ME!!

PHIL!



Quit filling
Tomoe's head with
perverse ideas!!

You don't have to
tell him anything!!



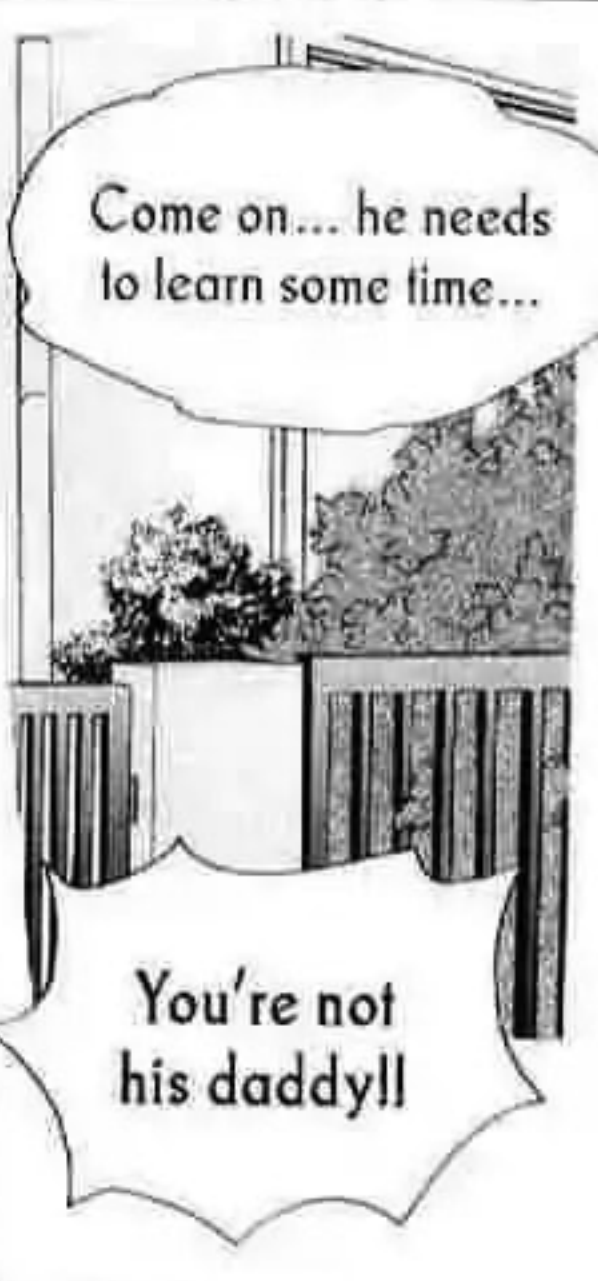
You've already
been turned down.
You should just
give up...

Back at
you!!



Rick, are you still
lusting after him...?

UHI



Come on... he needs
to learn some time...

You're not
his daddy!!



...Are you
okay with the
thought of
doing it?

You not
listening
to me.

One
question.

SIGH



Then you've at least got a better chance than you had with Rick...

Because you didn't like it when he kissed you, right?



That,

...I don't dislike.



Do you... dislike being kissed or anything else?



Um...

How can I tell...?

I really don't know.

Here's one way:



but there are also vague feelings that won't become clear until you're forced to stop and think about them.

There are strong feelings you can be confident about,

It's natural to explore them and feel a little lost.

It doesn't say anything about the depth of your feelings.



You say you don't know your own feelings.





Ahh,
now I
feel
better!
♡

AH
HA
HA
HA
HA

Rick...

The evil
side of your
personality
is extremely
attractive
to me.



You
made
him
cry.

WAAAH

I see.

Gave up on the
sunglasses.

I'd say the
easiest way
is to drug him,
but what do
you think?

Whoa...
Good
idea, but,
uh...

Still, I'm no
sex therapist,
so I don't
know why
you're askin'
me...

OK you
have a
point.



RUMMAGE

...I recommend, ah, yes—

Well, may as well use this opportunity to go in with a bang.





Could I interest you in this product, sir?

It appears, at first glance, to be mere Waseline,



...What is it...?



but then—it has an extra something—somethin' to heighten pleasure.

Ho-ho...

You mean it's medicated.

and I guarantee the pain will go away. ♡

Use this, next chance you get,





That hurt, man.

What?
I see
nothing
wrong
with it.

Gentlemen,
gentlemen,
of course it
can be used
on women
as well.

So, will
you take
it?



I'm sold.
Two, please!!

You're
buying
some for
yourself?!

I can't believe
you're buying
something else!!
What is it?

OMIGOD
OMIGOD

Ohh, now,
that one...

Also, how
do I use
this other
thing?

Ugh,
long day
...





WAH!



You're home late.



Welcome back, Kurokawa-san.



Ah... no...

Wrong conversation

I kind of... made a stop on the way home...



Huh?



Kurokawa-san, um...

Listen ...

B-DMP
B-DMP
B-DMP
B-DMP

Bad self, no

You'll regret it if you do it.

Self-destruction imminent

Huh?







W
H
A
T
?
You can't
still be
thinking
that
way!

And so, I
wondered if
maybe that
was true...



What?



And—
Rick
being
Rick,

said that if I
don't like it, it
means I don't
love you.



and thought
if we could
just make it
so it doesn't
hurt...



R-Right,
which is
why

I reasoned
that *that*
couldn't be
the case,



And so,
here's
this...

HEH

when I
just don't
know about
you...

Tatsumi-
kun... there
are times...

Maybe
he's a late
bloomer,
or maybe
he's the
proactive
type...

Did I do
something
strange?

Or maybe
he simply
doesn't know
any better,
and that's
why he's so
direct.

No,
it's not
that.

HA HA

SLUMP

BOA

Ack!

In any
case—

So
...

Shall
we...?

As far as
the items
Kurokawa-
san bought,

He's an unflinchingly
honest *challenger*...

maybe he
used them,
and maybe
he didn't,
but—

One
thing is
certain...

...

Yes.

Ha ha
ha ha ha
ha ha!

You
whaaat?

No way!!

Hey,
Chiemi-
chan?

I got a
cool new toy.
Wanna come
over and play
with it?



over

GRAB

I have to
go now or
I'll miss
the train!

But
there's
too much
work to
do...

No need
to worry!

I'll be back
tomorrow
night.

If I wait for
a good time
to go, I'll be
here until
graduation!

**no
way!**

No choice.
I haven't
personally
verified
Tomoe's
condition
in months.

Senpai!!
You're not
seriously
leaving for
Tokyo now,
are you?!

Hot

Please, why
can't you
just ease
up on your
**Brother
Complex?!**

...What
did you
say?

GLARE

UH



Yeah...
I guess
today
is your
birthday.

Birthday
party?



Hold up
the fort
while I'm
gone!

Don't
say I
didn't
warn
yoooo!

Senpai!!!

You sure
you want
one this
year?



It's not a matter
of choice, is it?
Birthdays come
once every year.

My idiot boy.





Ah, I'm so
open-minded...

Huh?

I thought
that you and
Tatsumi-kun...
might be
going through
a rough patch,
so...

Sorry
to be a kill-
joy, but this
year it's
no.

What.

Plans have
been made
tonight for
you, too.
Get it now?

"We," meaning
you told
everyone.

See?
See? Now
you want to
come, don't
you?

We've all
decided to
give you
our vote of
confidence.

Even
though I'm
too objective
to morally
approve or
disapprove,
today is
special!

"Whatever
Will Be,"
has already
become...

SCRITCH

Your concern
is touching,
but you don't
have to worry
because...

Um...

"Whatever
Will Be," has
become.

Could...
you repeat
that?



Yeah,
I was
pretty
convinced
of that
myself...

I was so
certain you
were lost and
desperately
helpless!!

CRASH

IT
CAN'T
HAVE!

Do you
mean, uh...
in terms
of both...
mind and
body...?

Um... when
you say,
"Whatever
Will Be," has
become...



I'm not...
quite... as
prepared
for this as
I thought I
was...!

WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

Wait!!
Just give
me ten
seconds!!

Mother
...?

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

...

You always
suck me into
these things.

I don't know how
you do it...

And I've
every
right to
do so!

This time,
show your
mother
a little
respect!

**I AM NOW
PREPARED!**

This time,
I dare
anyone
to try
and shock
me!!!

You're not
prepared.
You're
crying...

Sorry I said
anything...

ENOUGH!!
Quit the
doom and
gloom and
get in the
car.

Party
favor?

Expect our
party favor
to be public
humiliation.

Why don't
you want
to go?
I think
it sounds
like fun

Imagine
worst case
scenario,
Tatsumi-kun,
and prepare
for it...



What?

Is that
...?



Hm?



Who's this?

Oh, he's my big brother.

GASP

D-Danger, Will Robinson!!

If he finds out what we've been doing... I'm done for.

Oh, is he now?!

Are you visiting again?

Code red!!

Mom doesn't know my life's at stake...!!

So nice to meet you. I'm Mitsugu's mother, Reiko.

I admire you for being so accepting—

!!

Sou...
Souichi-kun!!

What are you all doing out this late...?

I was about to ask you the same thing, Nii-san.

Why does he never warn us he's coming?!

FWIP

—of
...

DOOM DOOM
DOOM

If he
finds out
about us, it'll
be the end!!

I beg you!!
Do not say
a single
unnecessary
word!!

What
are you
doing?!

Scaring me
half to death

STO

OH,
MY

What
are you
whispering
to her?

It's my
pleasure to
finally meet
you, ma'am.

I've often
thought I'd
like to look
into the face
of this man's
mother.

Just
what do
you
think
you're
doing,
sir?!

Hold
it
right
there!

Owie!

Whisper
whisper

Whaaaa!
You mean

Tatsumi-kun's
brother still
doesn't know
anything?

Whisper
whisper

I wouldn't say
he doesn't know
anything.

But to make a
long story short,
just please
be careful
not to—

BACKHANDED COMPLIMENT

If you came to pick a fight, then just leave!

Nii-san!

Excuse me?

Now, where do you think you are going at this hour?

I'm only greeting the woman!

He doesn't waste time making enemies...

Wha- what's his problem?

A party in her home?

We've been invited to a party at Reiko-san's home...

Oh...
Um...

How presumptuous!

For your information, it's my birthday party!

SNEER

Sounds suspicious... Are you sure it's not one of those indecent parties?

I forbid you to go, Tomoe.

ALARE



Is it really a birthday party, then?

Outside of the upper class.

A woman *that age* doesn't usually celebrate it, does she?

I'm still going.

Forbid all you want ...

Calms down Mother.

He's just the paranoid type, that's all.

GRR



Wh-oh. ...
He's reading on dangerous ground.



Mother?

I certainly don't mind, but it's up to you.

If you're so worried about it, why don't you come with us?



Mother!!



Wait
a...

Parties
aren't really
my thing...

Wait for
us in the
car, would
you?

We have to
do a little
shopping
before we
leave.



What a
bossy
woman...



I don't care
to attend a
party...

but it seems
I have no
choice...



Mother!

This is a
bad idea!
What are
you thinking
...?



That's why
I'm going to
find out from
the source
itself.

You don't
know what
he's like.

Isn't it
enough that
Tatsumi-kun
and I go?

There's no
telling what
will happen
if you invite
Souichi-kun!

What?



**INTRODUCES
HIMSELF BY
INSULTING
ME!!**

**I'M
DETERMINED
TO LEARN
JUST WHAT
SORT OF
MAN...**

Ack!

Nii-san,
please...



Any mother who allows her son to engage in homosexual behavior is not to be trusted.

I handled the situation as anyone would.

I'm sure it upset her.

Why would you say something like that...?

How long are you going to keep this up, Nii-san?

This is no way to attend a party.

I'll keep this up until you do.

You always treat me like a child...

You don't know how to exercise caution. You need to learn

to protect yourself from those who would mislead and abuse you!

Maybe if I just come out with everything and start a big fight, it'll finally clear the air...

Stop, stop, stop...

Is there no way to make him understand?

!!

You are a child!

Stop worrying so much. Please!

I... wouldn't want that...

?

But that would make Kurokawa-san's life more difficult.

and I might not be allowed to go home to Nagoya ever again.

It's nothing!

STARE

What's that face?

So now...
you've gone and
made yourself
the greater evil.

*There's no hope
for you...*

**It's not
like that!!**

He's a
maniac who'll
do anything
to protect his
little brother.

*The source of
my suffering*

Now do
you get
it?

I see.

He let us
live together
only because he
views me as the
lesser of two
evils...

Hmm.

Oh,
do you?

Well,
that may
be *your*
intention.

and we
want to send
him home as
peaceably as
possible...

At any
rate, he's an
unwelcome
sight,

However...
he picked
the wrong
woman to
mess with.

It's hard
having a
gay family
member.

*And, boy
do I
know it.*

Honestly,
I understand
how he feels.

Mother!!

H-
Hey!

CHAK

As if!

I won't be satisfied until I dish out twice as much as I took!

I don't know what you are plotting, but please stay out of this!

I'll leave the shopping to you!

While I...

I won't do anything bad!

I'll just give you all a little hand...

PUSH PUSH PUSH reach reach reach

I beg you!

Don't you care what happens to your son?

PIP PIP PIP

W...

I can't believe this is—

Wait... what are you doing ...?

Enough out of you. Now, go do my shopping!

KC ZK

when
someone
incurs my
wrath!

I'll show
him just
what
happens...

OH
HO
HOHO
HOHO
HOHO
HO

Ring
Ring
Ring
Ring

We're
running
fashionably
late.

Come
in, won't
you?

Is she...

is she
really my
biological
mother...?

It's so big!
Thank you!

FINALLY

TEE
HEE

Everything
is ready!

What
took you
so long?

HEE-HEE

Ugh, I want
to go home...

I can't
even imagine
what she's
done...

It's
Relkooo!

We're
coming in,
'kaaay?

NOK
NOK

*And the heroine
makes her
entrance! ♡*

POO



Where?

Huh?

No, don't
look!

SNAP

What...?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HOORAY!!

Mitsugu-kun
+
Tasumi-kun

Congratulations
on Achieving
Your Hearts'
Desires
BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR
NEW RELATIONSHIP

DOOM

WHA—?!
WHAT IS
THAT?!

Aw,

the girls and
I discussed it,
and we decided
we just had to
give the union
our blessing.

HOH
HOH

TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH

What
is the
meaning
of this...?

What?

What?

EEEE
EK

WHYYY,
MOTHER?!

This
isn't a
birthday
party?

Rather than
discouraging
you by being
unsympathetic,
we praise you for
realizing your
dreams.

My boy has
exceeded all
expectations,
wouldn't you
say?

Ho ho
ho ho

My, is this
your lover?
He's such a
cutie pie!

WOW
You must
be so happy,
Mitsugu-kun!

I wouldn't
be able to help
myself, either,
around a boy
this cute!

It's not
often that
forbidden love
reaches full
blossom!

YOU!!



AHH

AHH

Wh-
What's
going on
here?

Mother and
her friends
are the ones
who—

I don't know!
I don't know,
but—

Just what is this
"heart's desire"
you've achieved?!
Cough up the
truth or I'll choke
it out of you!!

Nii-san!

AHHHHH!!

Hoh,
I see.

A practical
joke, and
that's all...

It's... it's just
my mother and
her friends...
playing a
practical joke...
That's all...

I was a fool to believe, even for an instant, in the agreement or any other words from your lying mouth!!

Ahh!
Dear God,
please be with me in my hour of need—

And I'm supposed to believe that?!

You're making a mistake, Nii-san!

Hey, wait a minute!

W
A
H
H
H
STUPID SCUM BAG

Is he still breathing?

Wow, my son wasn't kidding

Kurokawa-san has done nothing wrong!! I'm the one who did it...

I'm the one who said "I love you—"

Did what?!

SLAP

**YOU
LITTLE
FOOL!!**

!

Souichi-
kun!

Why
are you
like this,
Tomoe?

RUB

!!

!!

Please,
wait!

There's no
reason to hit
Tomoe!

Just calm
down a—

**DON'T
TOUCH
ME,
HOMO!**

BACKHAND

ANNIHILATION

Open
your eyes,
Tomoe!

Oh, no!
Kurokawa
-san!

Oh.
God...

why have
you forsaken
me?

PSHHHH

People take
advantage
of your
compassionate
nature!

His influence
and your pity
are manufacturing
your feelings
for him!

No,
that's
not—

You'll think
more clearly
over there!

You're
coming back
to Nagoya
with me,
right now!

CHAK





Please
lower your
voice.

Now,
why are
you so
unhappy?

Damn it,
how did you
get this on
me?!

There's
nothing to
discuss!

I'm
taking
Tomoe
out of
here!



Perhaps it was
my son who fell
in love first,
but don't they
seem to have a
mutual under-
standing?

Because I'm
not about to
dumbly watch
my little brother
succumb to the
evil power of
a pervert.

Do you
even have
to ask?



It's
true.

That's what
makes Reiko
so great, you
see?

"Pervert?"

Well,
maybe so,
but still.

Woman, don't
you care that
your son is a
pervert?!

My
boy, you
misjudge
me.

?!

POP

You're a
martyr,
Reiko!

She wants
her son to know
true happiness!
She wants to
have grand-
children!

Wh-Who
are you
people?

Reiko
is indeed
troubled by
the whole
affair.

...And
yet, she puts
her personal
wishes aside...

and does
her utmost
to be under-
standing!

There's no
way he can
be happy
with another
man!

And I
perceived
a truth
that goes
beyond
societal
mores!

I asked
myself,
"What
is true
happiness
to my
son?"

The right
thing to do is
to break them
up, by force if
necessary!

She's so
cool!

Beautiful!
You're
beautiful,
Reiko!

Are you
people
nuts?!

Hel-lo.
It's time to
conduct an
interview! ♡



You two, there, with the dumb look on your faces,

what do you think? Do you feel happy each and every day?

COME COME



Looks like love!

Want to be in the studio?

SHY



Your reasoning at the time was flawed or absent!

LUNGE

Tomoe! Have they brainwashed you?!

No, it wasn't!

Not at all! I came to this conclusion by my own powers of reasoning!

Coming to you live from a scene of utter chaos.



You should make an exception and exercise tolerance... don't you think?

Uh...

Did you hear that? Your little brother said he's happy



SHUT UP, SHUT UP, SHUT UP!!



When it comes down to it, one's personal happiness is what's most important.

Uh...

Prejudice is so old fashioned

These days, it's "love is not bound by gender," right?

That's so true!

Here's
what I
think...

Ah...

what is
he trying
to—

Think
again.

You people...
show no
restraint when
you think you
have me
restrained.

You think you
can convert
me like this?

HUFF HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

ABOUT
THIS!

No
way!

GEH!



Tatsumi-kun!



I don't want to!



I can hardly believe my eyes!

Ack...

Wow, I didn't see that coming!

EEK!



I thought that I look

Wait a—

Come on! We're leaving!

I've had enough!



He's left us no choice. Go get it!

Kurokawa's influence has made you impertinent!

What?! Do you continue to defy me?!

You can't do this!

Please, just wait!

Let go of me!

Or do I have to feed it a knuckle sandwich?

At least calm down and give us a chance to explain.

Shut your pie hole!

TUG

TU

I'm telling
you, NO—

Heave!

HO!

CRACK

Huh?

oops.



Swoo

No way...

Ahl

GASP

Double K.O.!!

!!

ZON

Oops! It was an accident!

Oh, nooo! We've hit the wrong person!

Nii-san!

Kurokawa-san!

That's it. It's the end.

He's found us out.

What can...

we possibly do?

What are we going to do?

Omigod! He's bleeding!

It's OK, it's OK! I don't think they're dead!

I'm drawing a blank.



We meant to hit Tatsumi-kun's brother, but made a slight miscalculation, and...

It doesn't hurt too badly, does it?

Sorry, Mitsugu-kun. We made a little boo-boo.

Um...

I'm so glad

That's right. Where's Souichi-kun?

Ah!

Now, now, that doesn't matter, because everything worked out in the end.

I don't remember what, uh...

You're so cool ♡

Such a capable young man! ♡

Oh, that... I wasn't even thinking...

Although, I didn't expect Tatsumi-kun to fight back against his brother like that.

Where is Souichi-kun?!

Excuse me!

It can't be that simple...

Well, Souichi-kun didn't exactly make a conscious decision...

He's what?

I don't believe it...

He's on his way back to Nagoya, so...

and drove him over to Tokyo Station...

That goes in there!

We just got him into the car...

He looked like he was about to wake up, so I put him back to sleep.

Thus, we graciously encouraged him to go home.

And put him on a bullet train to Nagoya.

You what?

Dearest, don't worry about the cost of riding on the bullet train. Today is mommy's treat. ♡

And force him to retreat! I think my strategy was quite effective.

I got to tie him up, say what I wanted to say, dish a little damage back out—

....!!

CHEERS

Thanks for
the backup,
girls! ♡

Here's to
successfully
fighting fire with
twice as
much fire!

Wait just
a minute!

Just for
one day.
Don't you
get it?

There's going to
be a backlash,
and it's gonna
come after *me*!

Done to
you? Why,
we just sent
your enemy
packing!

You fools
have no idea
what you've
done to
me!

You
should be
happy!

AHHH

**I'LL BE
KILLED!!**

**Starting
tomorrow,
my days are
numbered!**

Yeah, I
guess...

That's
too bad

It'll be
all right.

Because
I also did
and said the
same things
to my
brother!

Kurokawa-
san?
Kurokawa-
san?

Couldn't
you have
fought back
without
revealing my
secret?!

Don't give
me that
"yeah, I
guess!"

Maybe,
but...

I figured
your secret
would inflict the
most damage
on him.

That's what
matters, right?

BEAM





but my brother and I are always at odds...

Oh,

Jeez! Tatsumi-kun shows oodles more promise than you do.

SOB

I have no comeback...

Although



AH
HAH
HA

At least he learned a small lesson today, don't you think...?

That's the first time I've ever seen my brother with his hands tied—in more ways than one...



Somehow, I feel refreshed.

That was entertaining in a way...





Huh?

When it gets down to it, you really have nerves of steel...

Tatsumi-kun, you really...

That's... that's not really true.

I mean, it was only my big brother.

I just think that my brother might come around someday, is all...



Hmm...



So, that's what has you so optimistic.

You don't have to worry, because everything is bound to work out.



Right. We're going to be OK.

Now, it's time
to celebrate our
victory, their
future, and
my birthday!

Like you say,
everything
is bound to
work out!

Let's do
our best to
make it
happen!

I'm not
sure what's
going to
happen
after this,
but...

I think
you're right...
Somehow,
that's the
feeling I have
now, too...

CHEERS!!

Indeed,
it is.

NAGOYA
NAGOYA!
STOP!

Where
am I?!

Ahhh!

PSHHE

Meanwhile,
as for
Souichi...



YOU'RE
TIRED
THOUGH,
AREN'T YOU?

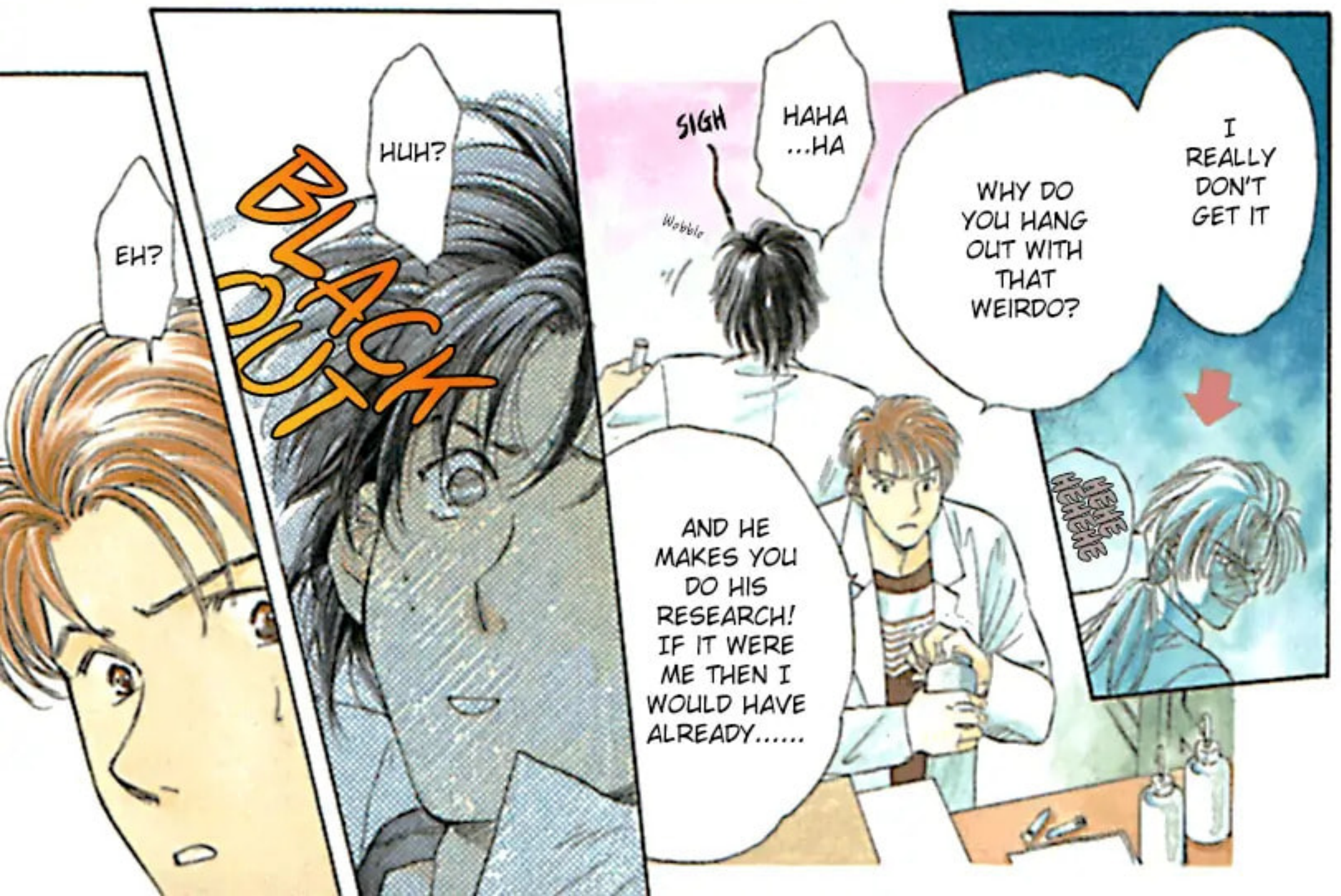
*You look a
little pale*

WHY DON'T
YOU HEAD
HOME FOR
TODAY?

SORRY FOR
MAKING YOU
HELP, TOO,
YAMAGUCHI

BUT THERE'S
THINGS I HAVE
TO DO BEFORE
SENPAI COMES
BACK...

IT'S FINE.
WE SHOULD
HELP EACH
OTHER
WHEN WE'RE
IN NEED



HUH?

BLAM

EH?

SIGH

Wobble

HAHA
...HA

WHY DO
YOU HANG
OUT WITH
THAT
WEIRDO?

I
REALLY
DON'T
GET IT

AND HE
MAKES YOU
DO HIS
RESEARCH!
IF IT WERE
ME THEN I
WOULD HAVE
ALREADY.....

Hehehe



AND FORCED
TO RIDE A
SHINKANSEN,
WAS ARRIVING
IN NAGOYA

**NAGOYA
NAGOYA!!**

**THIS
IS THE
FINAL
STOP**

HUH!?

RIGHT
AROUND
THAT SAME
TIME,
HIS SENPAI,
TATSUMI
SOLICHI,

WHERE
AM I?

WHO
HAD BEEN
COMPLETELY
DEFEATED
IN TOKYO

MORINAGA?

Dizzy

AH!

WOAH!?

HEY!!
ARE YOU
OKAY?

**THERE'S A
POSSIBILITY**

PART 1



Ummm

.....BUT
WHAT IS THIS
SEETHING, BLACK
UNEASINESS?

CAN'T
GET RID
OF IT

DOORS,
OKAY!

WINDOWS,
OKAY!

YOU'RE
NAIVE!!
YOU'RE
SO NAIVE,
TATSUMI-KUN!

IF HE TAKES
A NIGHT TRAIN
HE'LL BE HERE
BY DAWN!

EVEN
THOUGH IT'S
MY BROTHER,
I DON'T
THINK HE'LL
BE BACK
TODAY

It's
night.

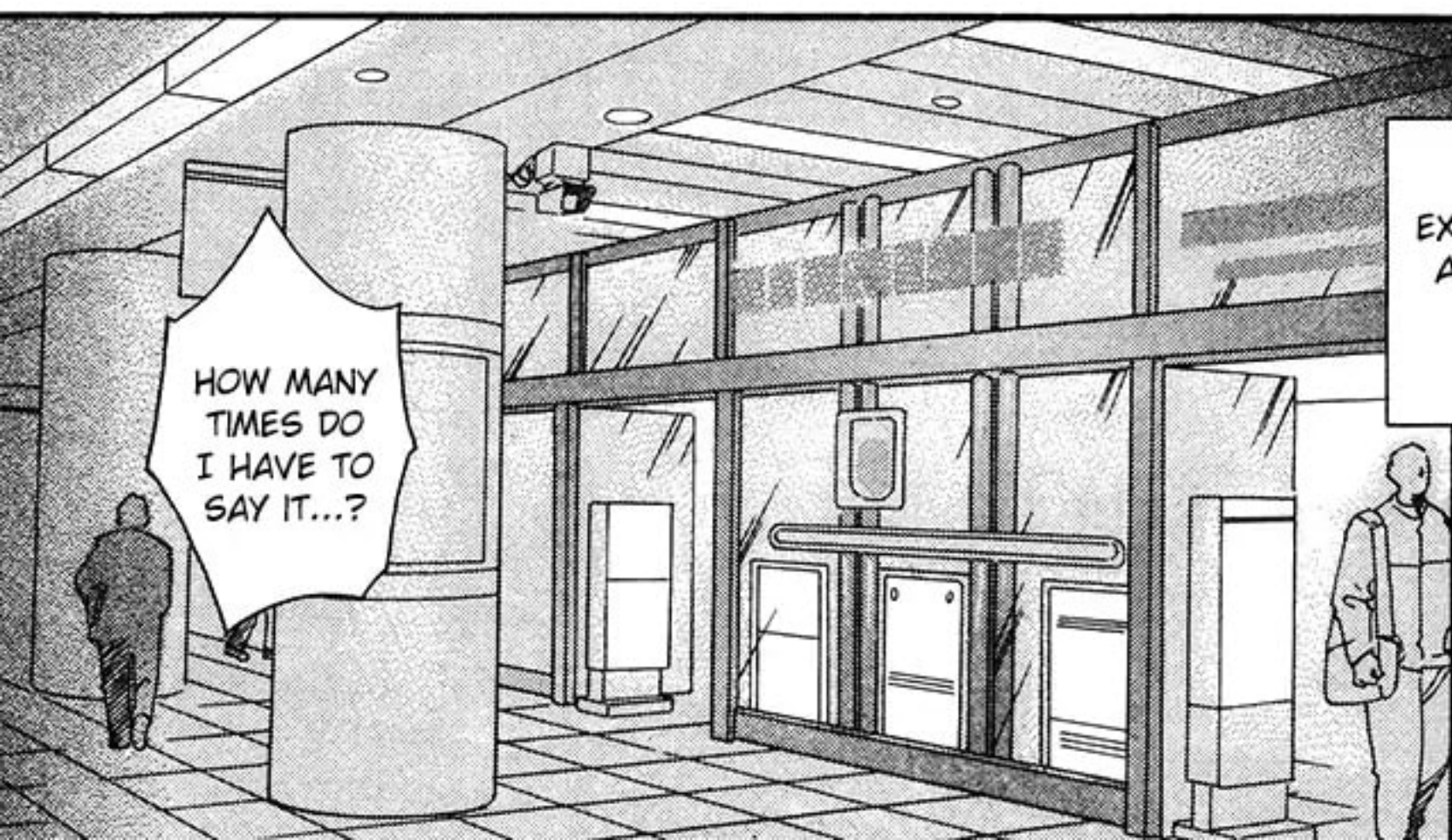
OKAY!
ALL THE
ENTRANCES
ARE LOCKED!!



A.....
PLAN?

SIGH

WE MIGHT BE
FINE TONIGHT,
BUT WE NEED
TO COME UP
WITH A PLAN
TO PROTECT
US TOMORROW





AND I TOLD
YOU THE LAST
TRAIN TO TOKYO
ALREADY LEFT

TRYING
TO HEAD
TO TOKYO

SOLICHI
WAS

I SAID
THAT

I HAVE TO
GO TO TOKYO,
TODAY,
NO MATTER
WHAT!!



IT WILL
GET THERE
TOMORROW
MORNING

IS
THAT THE
QUICKEST?

WHY DON'T
YOU TAKE
THE NIGHT
TRAIN?



AGH!!
MY BROTHER IS IN
THE HANDS OF A
DEMON AS OF A
SPEAK! WE

TOMORROW
MORNING
WILL BE
TOO LATE!

I NEED
SOMETHING
THAT WILL
GET THERE
TODAY!!

THERE'S
SOMEONE
I NEED
TO KILL
TODAY!

YOU
REALLY
AREN'T
GETTING
THIS...



AND NOW THAT
I'M THINKING
ABOUT IT,
I CAN'T JUST
IGNORE
SCHOOL

I HAVE
TO ADMIT
I SUFFERED
A CRUSHING
DEFEAT

...DAMN
IT

AND TOMOE
HAS BEEN
WON OVER TO
THEIR SIDE,
SO I CAN'T
GET IT DONE
EASILY

PUT OUT

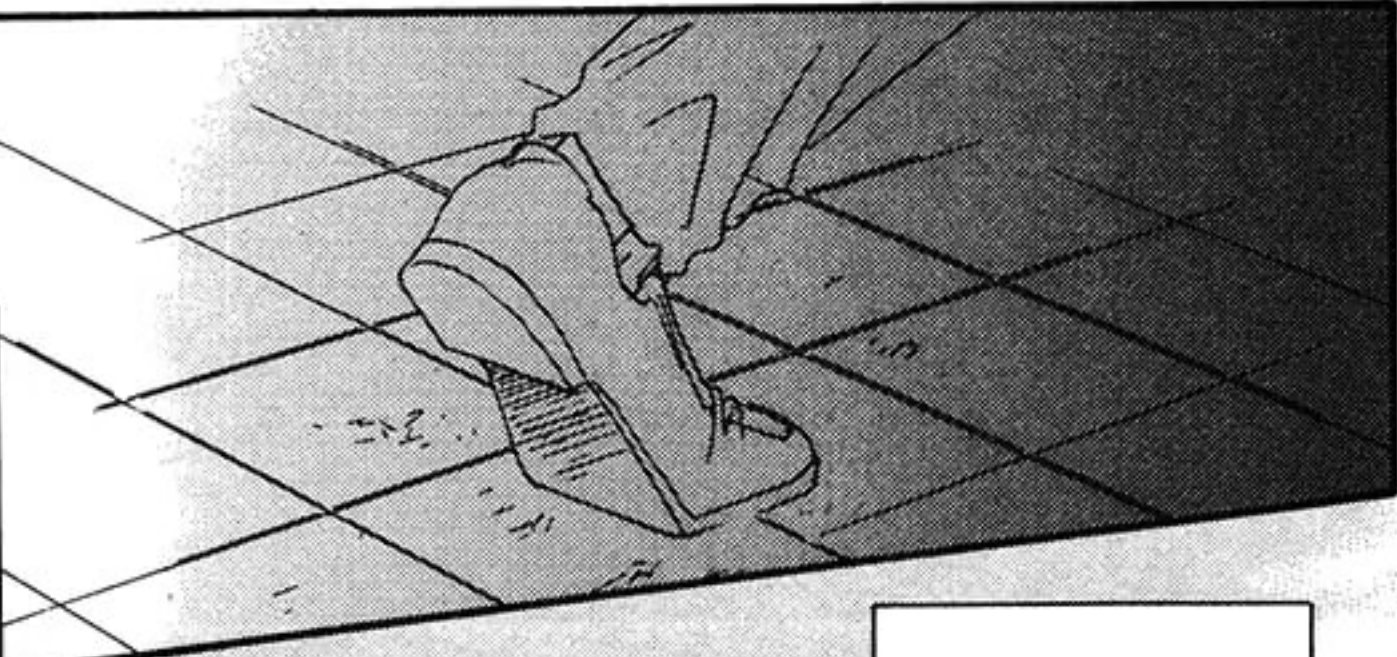
SO I NEED TO
EXPLAIN IT TO
MORINAGA AND
SET UP A TIME
SCHEDULE

Oh! I have
to hurry or
the line to
my house
will stop

AND SO I HAVE
TO STEP BACK
AND COME
UP WITH A
CONCRETE PLAN

I DON'T
LIKE IT BUT,
THIS TIME

STAND



IF HE
WEREN'T

THIS
SITUATION
COULD HAVE
GONE REALLY
DIFFERENTLY,
BUT...

UNUSUALLY
CALM AT
THIS TIME,

.....
HUH?

HE-HE
PASSED
OUT?

WH-WHAT
HAPPENED
?

Ended up
staying all-
night

PASSING OUT
MIGHT BE A
BIT OF AN
EXAGGERATION

YEAH,
WELL



I DID WHAT
I COULD
FROM WHAT
MORINAGA
TOLD ME,
THOUGH...

HE SAID IT'S
JUST THAT HE
HAS A COLD
AND WAS TIRED

HE DID
PASS OUT,
BUT HE WOKE
UP AGAIN
RIGHT AWAY

AH...
THANKS
FOR THAT...

NAH, HE'S
SLEEPING
AT HIS
APARTMENT

SO HE'S NOT
HOSPITALIZED,
RIGHT?



PLEASE
WAIT,
SENPAI!!

I GUESS
I'LL GO
CHECK ON
HIM

I'll
leave it
to you



AT LEAST
STAY AND
TELL ME
WHAT TO DO!

I DON'T KNOW AS
MUCH ABOUT YOUR
RESEARCH AS
MORINAGA DOES,
SO IT WILL BE
TROUBLESOME
IF YOU LEAVE
IT TO ME!



AGH...

MY
HEAD IS
POUNDING
.....

HERE'S
SOME
MEDICINE!



Have
something
important
to do...

NO...
BUT
I...

I CAN
ONLY BE
HERE
IN THE
MORNING,
TOO

Ugh...

BUT I'LL
GO FIND
ANOTHER
4TH YEAR
TO HELP
FROM
SOMEWHERE

SO JUST STAY
AND DO YOUR
OWN RESEARCH
FOR A WHILE,
OKAY?!



WHAT?
HAVE YOU BEEN
WORRYING ABOUT
SOMETHING...?

MM...
YEAH
VARIOUS
THINGS.....

EH?

I HAVEN'T
BEEN SLEEPING
WELL RECENTLY...
SO THAT'S PART
OF THE REASON

IT WAS A BIT
INTENSE, BUT...
IT WASN'T REALLY
SENPAI'S FAULT

SIGH

I HAVE
TO DECIDE MY
FUTURE PATH
SOON...

YOUR
PATH?



THAT'S
TRUE
BUT...

ARE YOU NOT?

DIDN'T YOU
SAY YOU WERE
GOING TO GET A
MASTER'S DEGREE
TO FOLLOW AFTER
THAT SENPAI
OF YOURS?



YEAH...

THAT
WAS MY
DREAM

BEFORE
THIS...



RECENTLY...

BUT

TO STAY
WITH HIM FOR
YEARS AND
YEARS



IF I STAY TO GET
A MASTER'S DEGREE
I'LL WANT TO STAY
AFTER THAT TOO

*And become a helper
or something*

*That guy
would
never be
able to
hold down
a normal
job*

SINCE
SENPAI WILL
OBVIOUSLY
BE ON
THAT PATH,
YOU KNOW?



IT'S LIKE
I'VE LOST MY
CONFIDENCE...



I GET
THAT

OR LIKE,
IF I'M GOING
TO LEAVE,
I SHOULD
DO IT NOW...

OR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...





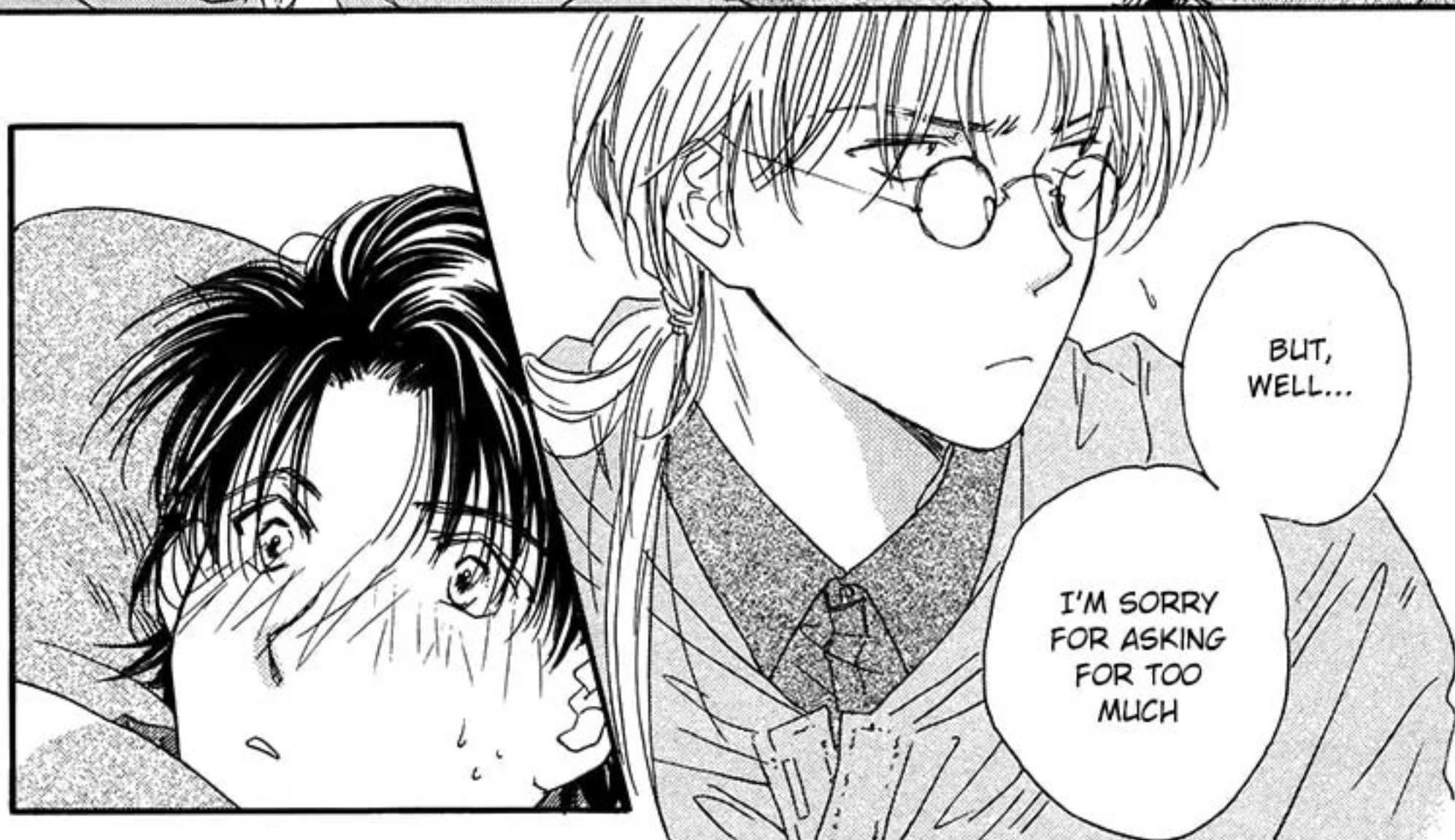


THERE'S
NOTHING
WORTH
PASSING
OUT OVER

NO,
I DIDN'T
EVEN
REALIZE IT
MYSELF.....

Haha

IF YOU DON'T
TELL ME YOU'RE
FEELING BAD,
I WON'T KNOW



BUT,
WELL....

I'M SORRY
FOR ASKING
FOR TOO
MUCH



I DIDN'T
THINK YOU'D
BE BACK
BEFORE
TONIGHT...?

BUT YOU'RE
BACK EARLY,
AREN'T YOU?

PLEASE
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT

ACTUALLY,
I NEED TO GO
BACK TO TOKYO
RIGHT AWAY

THAT'S
THE THING,
MORINAGA

SERIOUS

EH?

THUMP

THUMP

WHICH
IS WHY

I'LL LEAVE
THEM HERE

I BROUGHT
SUPPLEMENTS
AND MEDICINE

THUMP

here

Nutritional
supplements

Cold
medicine

Vitamin pills



I'LL TELL
YOU MORE
ABOUT IT
LATER

I PUT ON A
SOLUTION THAT
SHOULD REACT IN
30 MINUTES,
SO I HAVE TO
GO BACK NOW...



WITHOUT YOU,
I CAN'T MAKE
A MOVE

SO TAKE
THOSE AND
GET BETTER
RIGHT AWAY!!



HURRY UP
AND GET
BETTER!



TOKYO







SLUMP

FOR NOW
I JUST HAVE
TO LIVE WITH
THIS HALF
DEAD
FEELING

WELL
WHATEVER



...YOU DO
SEEM LIKE
THE TYPE TO
TORMENT
YOURSELF...

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

MAYBE
THIS...
IS HIS
ATTACK...?



NO...
HE'S STILL
OUT...
WHAT IS
IT?

He's that
bad?

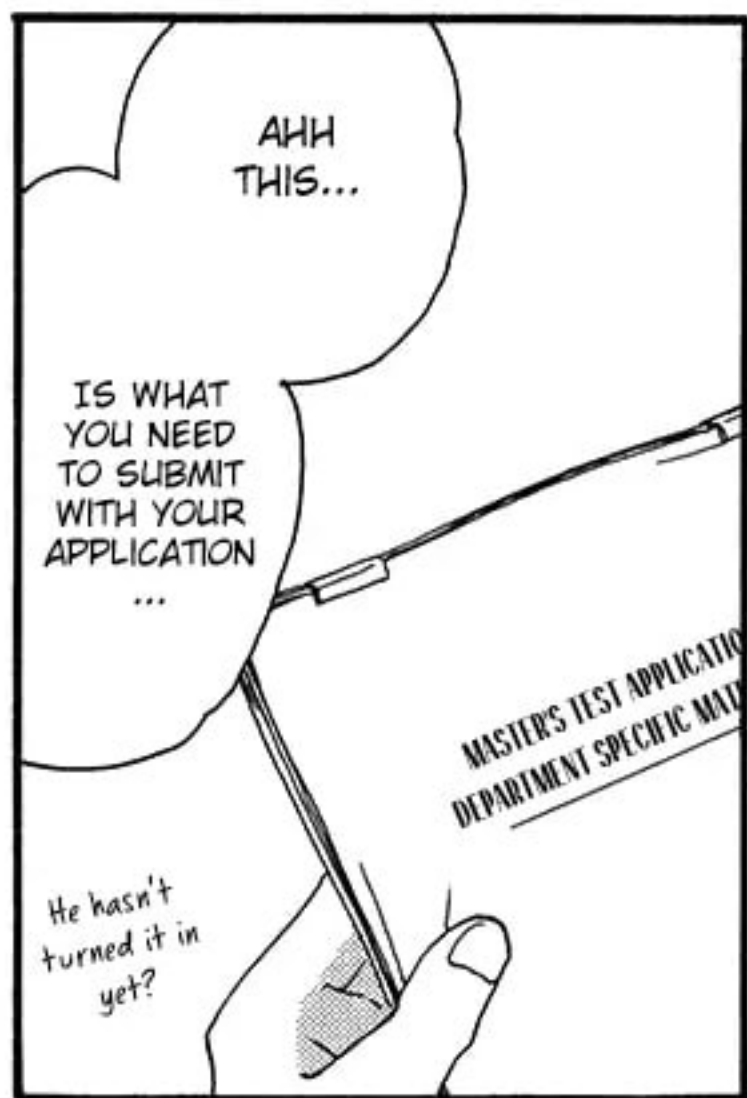
AH...
THERE'S JUST
SOMETHING
I WANTED TO
GIVE HIM



SENPAI

OPEN

IS
MORINAGA
HERE?









HMM

WHEN WAS THAT?



MY
FAVORITE
MEMORIES

Hhehehe ♡

WHEN
I WAS IN
TOKYO



Hmm!
YOU
LIVED IN
TOKYO?

Huh?
I DIDN'T
TELL
YOU?

A LONG
TIME AGO,
I USED TO DO
THIS FOR A GUY
I LIKED WHEN
HE GOT DEAD
DRUNK

HE WAS
STRAIGHT,
SO THE ONLY
TIMES I COULD
GET CLOSE TO
HIM WERE TIMES
LIKE THOSE





BUT
EVEN STILL,
I COULDN'T
HATE HIM

SORRY BUT
I'M NOT LIKE
THAT

AND IT
WASN'T
PRETTY
EITHER

HE SAID
I WAS
DISGUSTING

AND
TREATED
ME LIKE
TRASH

...WOAH HEY,
ANGEL-KUN

I'M NO GOOD
WITH THOSE
TYPES OF
STORIES

And I'm
weak
right
now

Blush

SOB
SOB
SOB
SOB
Weep
Weep
Weep

AND EVERY
TIME I
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT,
I CRIED

I COULDN'T
REALLY STAY IN
TOKYO ANYMORE,
SO I CAME TO
NAGOYA



EVEN THOUGH
I THINK IF I
LEFT WITHOUT
SAYING
ANYTHING

IT COULD
HAVE ENDED
WITHOUT ME
GETTING
HURT.....

BUT NOW 3
YEARS LATER,
I'VE STOPPED
CRYING

NOT
DRAGGING
IT OUT

SINCE
YOU
AREN'T
ABLE TO
STAY

AND I KNOW
EVERYBODY'S
DIFFERENT

BUT IF YOU'RE
DETERMINED TO
GET AWAY.....



I UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU'RE
SAYING...

THINGS
LIKE

A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY

OR THE
RIGHT
TIME...







UMM... HE'S
FROM THE
LAST PLACE
I WORKED...

HAHA

HOW IN
THE WORLD
DO YOU
KNOW HIM?

YOUR FRIEND
HAS WEIRD
COLORED HAIR



AH,
NO

HUH?

IS
THAT IT?



WHAT?
AM I NOT
ALLOWED TO
COME CHECK
ON YOU?

Glare



WHY ARE
YOU HERE
THOUGH,
SENPAI?

HM?



AH...
GO RIGHT
AHEAD

I ended up
staying up
all night
last night

WELL I ALSO
WAS THINKING
ABOUT SEEING IF
I COULD GET A
PLACE TO SLEEP
TOO

I'll get
out a
blanket

I knew it...







THAT GUY'S
MOTHER IS
INSANE!!

THERE'S
NO WAY
I DID!!

YOU
ACTUALLY
WITHDREW?

WHAT...
SENPAI?



PUFF
PUFF PUFF

SHE GOT
ONE OVER
ME



EEEEEEK

Note:
Moringaga



SINCE IT'S NOT
LIKE I CAN LET
MY REPORTING
FALL BEHIND

Breathe
out

WELL, THAT'S
WHY I NEED YOU
TO GET BETTER
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE

Tokyo is
a scary
place

If there's
a woman
who could
defeat
senpai

SOB
SOB
SOB

~~~~~  
ANNOYED

WHERE  
ARE YOU  
FROM?

He's from Fukuoka



THAT'S  
WHAT I  
DON'T GET  
ABOUT HIM

I'm going  
to get him  
to explain  
it to me

\*

BUT SENPAI,  
YOUR LITTLE  
BROTHER...

ISN'T BEING  
FORCED INTO IT  
OR ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT,  
RIGHT...?

WAS IT THIS  
MOUTH? WAS  
IT THIS ONE  
THAT SAID  
THAT!!!?

AAH!!

TRY SAYING  
THAT ONE  
MORE TIME  
MORINAGA!!

BUT IF THAT'S  
THE CASE,  
THEN FORCIBLY  
SEPARATING  
THEM IS...

LIKE  
ASKING  
TO DIE  
BY BEING  
KICKED BY  
A HORSE...?

How about you  
just let them  
be?

I'M  
SORRY!  
I'M  
SORRY!

Senpai,  
I'm sick  
I'm sick!!  
I'm very  
sick!!

GLARE

AH!









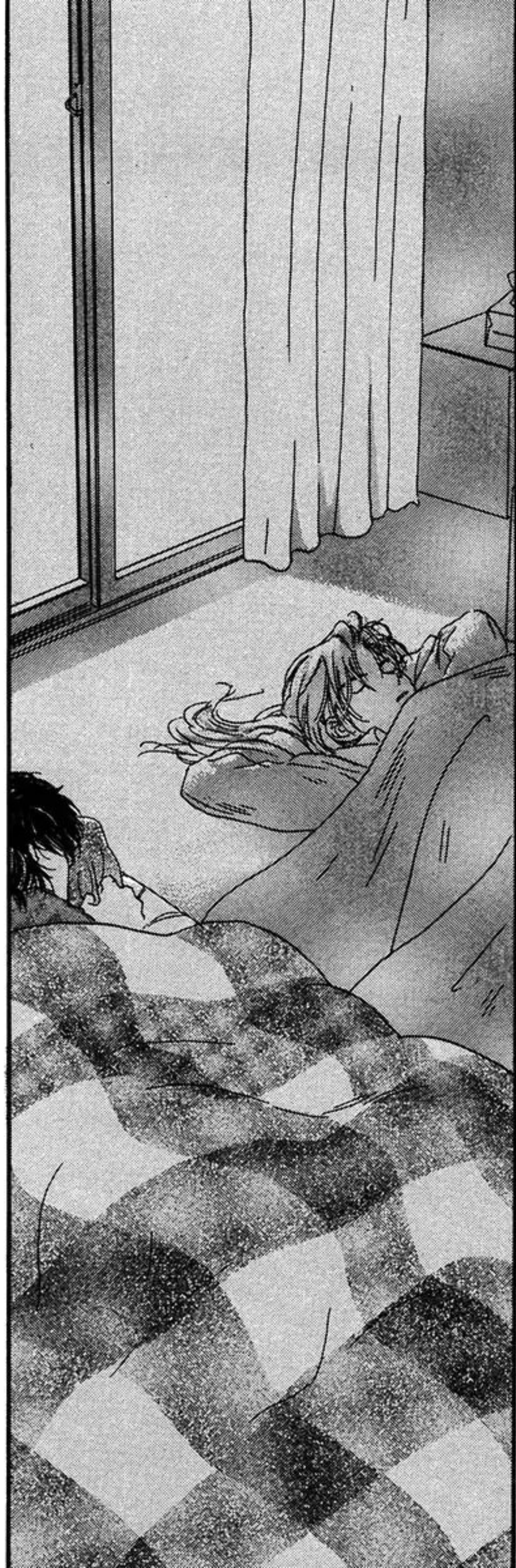


IT'S TRUE THAT  
PEOPLE KEEP  
WANTING MORE  
AND MORE



I WOULD  
HAVE BEEN  
COMPLETELY  
HAPPY WITH  
THIS BEFORE

















OR DO YOU  
WANT TO  
TRANSFER  
TO  
ANOTHER  
SCHOOL?

WELL.....  
LMM...

YOU  
HAVEN'T BEEN  
SEARCHING  
FOR A JOB,  
THOUGH

WHY NOT?  
YOU SAID YOU  
WERE GOING  
TO TAKE IT  
DIDN'T YOU?



NO...  
IT'S NOT  
THAT

IS IT  
BECAUSE  
I'M A SLAVE  
DRIVER?

But  
you're  
aware  
of  
that?

WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO?

AM I?

BUT IF YOU'RE  
DETERMINED  
TO GET  
AWAY



I'M  
THINKING  
.....  
ABOUT  
IT...

HOLD  
ON A  
MINUTE



THAT'S  
NOT IT  
BUT...



HUH?  
WHAT WAS  
THAT?

WHAT DID  
YOU SAY?

WHAT AM  
I DOING?

OH?

BEING  
NEAR YOU...  
IS PAINFUL...

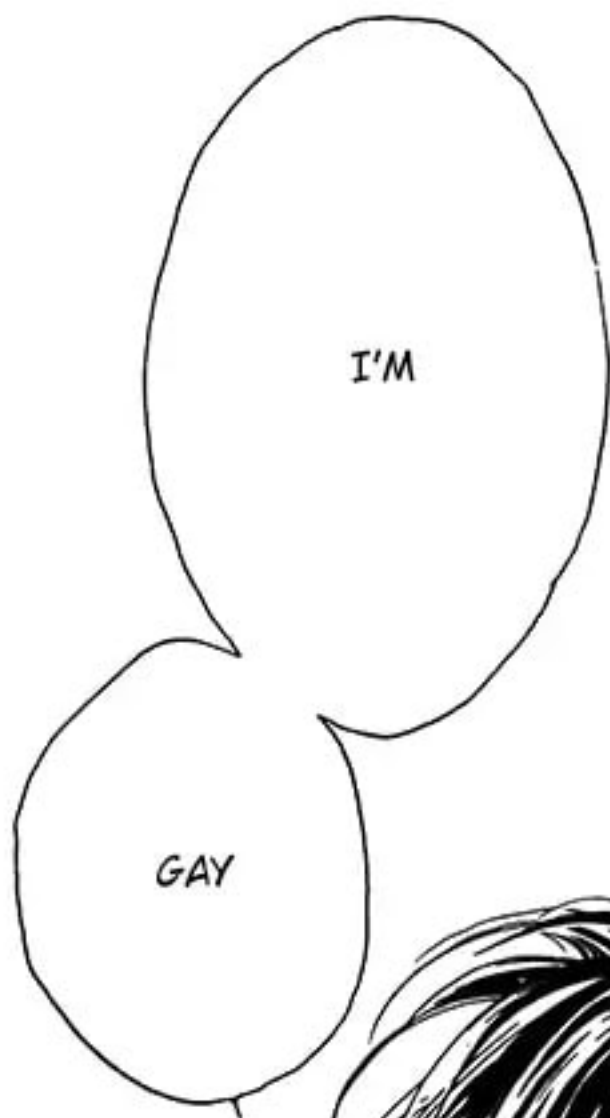
FOR  
ME...

IT'S  
PAINFUL  
...

I...

So it is  
because  
I'm a slave  
driver...  
?





I'M

GAY



LIKE YOU,  
SENPai







WHAT KIND  
OF JOKE  
IS THIS...?

WH-

IT'S NOT  
A JOKE!

I REALLY  
DO...  
THAT'S WHY  
I...



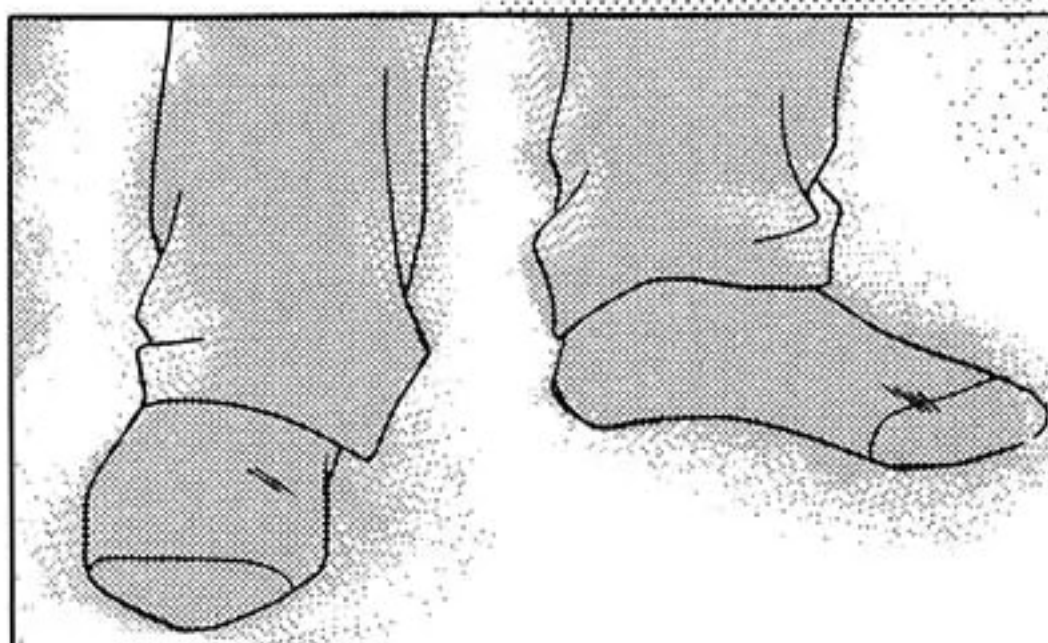
I  
KNEW  
IT



HE'S  
FROZEN



SORRY FOR  
DISAPPOINTING  
YOU, SENPAI



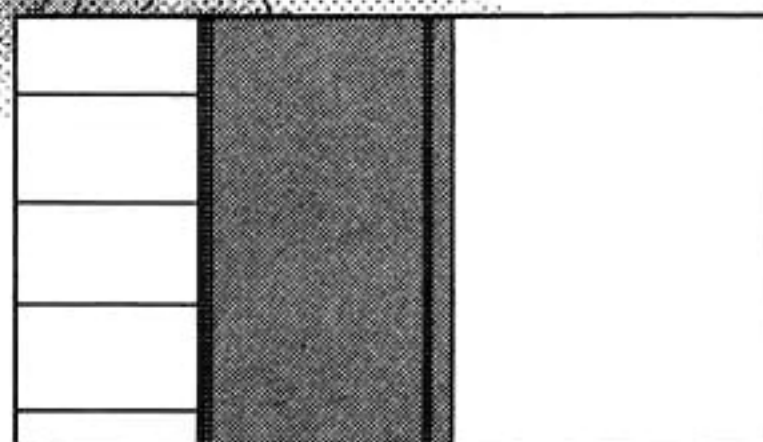
I MEANT  
TO KEEP  
HIDING IT





BUT...

I SEEMED LIKE  
I WOULDN'T BE  
ABLE TO HOLD  
IT BACK  
ANYMORE...







I'M SORRY,  
SENPAL.....



Do you guys  
realize?

This is  
a gag  
panel?

IT'S  
EFFECTIVE!!  
HA HA  
THIS IS  
EFFECTIVE!!

MY...  
MY  
STOMACH!

Just  
what  
happened?

THERE'S  
STILL  
NOTHING...

Even I'm  
a little  
worried  
now...





# THERE'S A POSSIBILITY

PART 2





IT'S  
SAID THAT  
WHEN PEOPLE  
AREN'T FEELING  
WELL

THEY  
LONG FOR  
OTHERS



I PROBABLY  
TOOK THAT  
WAY TOO  
FAR.....

BUT...





WHAT...

KIND OF  
JOKE...





ALL I  
HAVE TO DO  
IS WORRY  
ABOUT THE  
FEW MONTHS  
THAT ARE  
LEFT UNTIL  
I GRADUATE

THERE'S  
NO POINT  
WORRYING  
OVER WHAT'S  
ALREADY BEEN  
SAID









# SHOCK

BUT WHAT  
IS HE  
DOING TO  
SOMEONE  
WHO JUST  
GOT OVER  
BEING  
SICK...?

HE SAID HE  
WAS GOING  
TO TOKYO  
AGAIN

GET!!

NO  
WAY...

POUT

Deal with these  
as indicated.  
Tatsumi



...

WELL, THIS  
MEANS...

THAT HE'S  
PROBABLY  
AVOIDING  
ME.....

Or that  
he's playing  
a joke on  
me.....

Crinkle





Crumple

The second time today

DA  
HA HA  
HA

THIS IS SUCH A  
SMALL ATTACK,  
IT'S SO UNLIKE  
SENPAI

I EXPECTED  
A MUCH  
MORE SEVERE  
REACTION♡

IT'S  
KIND OF  
A LET  
DOWN



...  
DAMN  
IT

I'VE FELT  
THIS WAY  
FOR 4  
YEARS

AND NOW  
IT'S BEEN  
RUINED SO  
EASILY





I  
REALLY  
AM AN  
IDIOT

I HAVE  
TO DECIDE  
WHAT I'M  
GOING TO  
DO

BEFORE  
SENPAI  
COMES  
BACK  
.....

Sigh

.....

















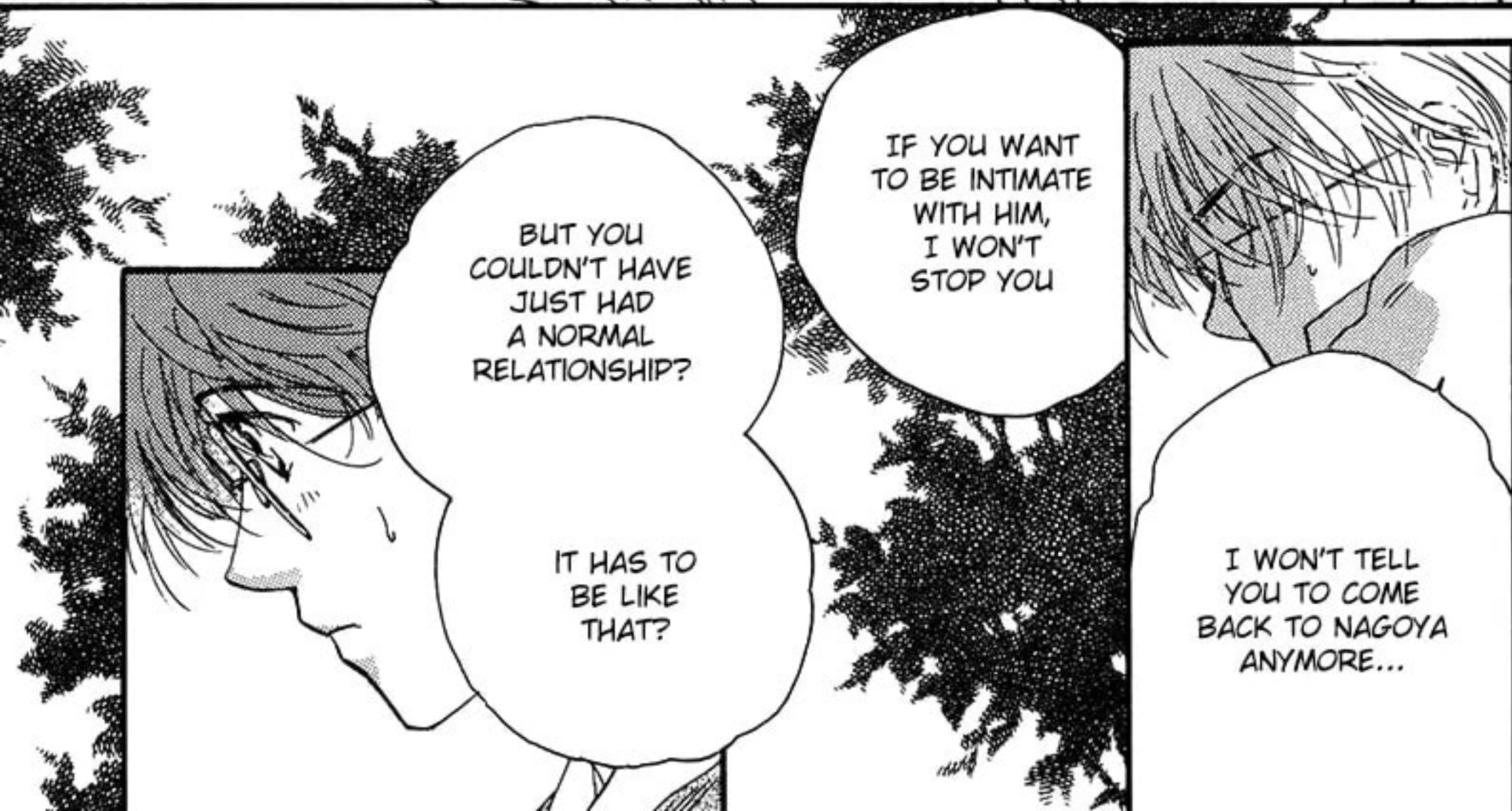
















YOU  
.....

Then if  
Kurokawa said  
to die you'd  
just go die?  
But I'll ignore  
the 5 year old  
level thinking  
for now...

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
I LIKE  
KUROKAWA-SAN,



THEN  
WHY  
.....?



BUT IT'S  
DIFFERENT  
FOR  
KUROKAWA-  
SAN



.....  
HONESTLY,  
I PROBABLY  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN FINE  
EITHER WAY



SO  
I THINK  
THIS IS  
ACTUALLY  
GOOD.....



AND THERE  
ARE A LOT  
OF TIMES  
I'M GLAD WE  
BECAME LIKE  
THIS NOW



THAT I THOUGHT  
ABOUT IT REALLY  
SERIOUSLY AND  
THEN I DECIDED



.....







STARING...

DID  
SOMETHING  
HAPPEN?

WORRY  
ABOUT  
YOURSELF  
RATHER  
THAN OTHER  
PEOPLE!!

You're the  
one on  
the wrong  
path!!!

Smack

OWW!

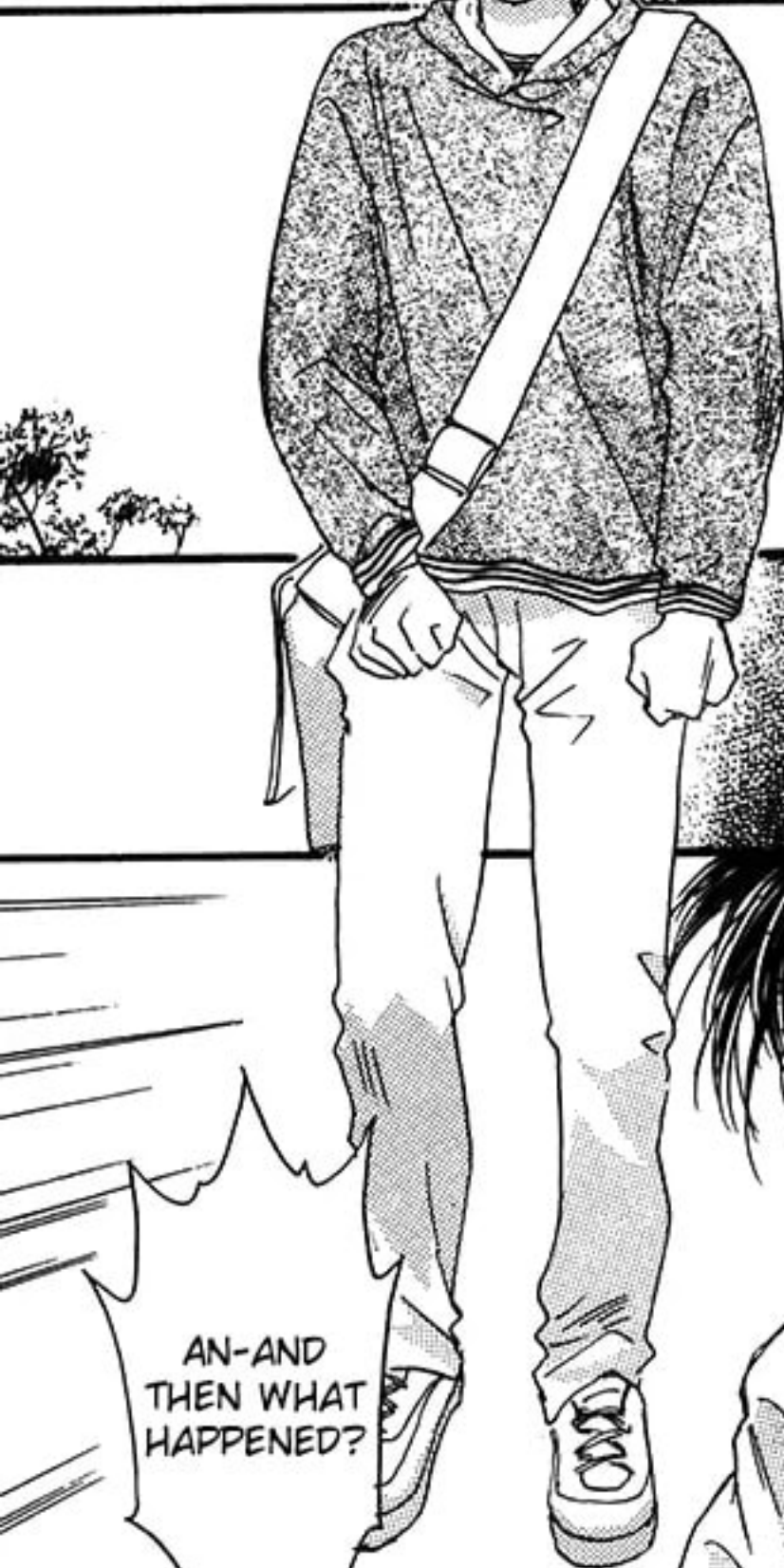
SHUT  
UP!!

SO COOL YOUR  
HEAD AND THINK  
ABOUT THAT  
PART LONG  
AND HARD!!

Geez...

NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH  
YOU LIKE HIM,  
THERE'S NO WAY  
YOU CAN STAY  
TOGETHER UNTIL  
YOU'RE OLD MEN!





NO  
WAY  
.....



AN-AND  
THEN WHAT  
HAPPENED?

SOUICHI-KUN  
SHOWED UP  
AT YOUR  
SCHOOL!?

Finally!?

WHAT  
!?







.....  
ARE YOU  
LISTENING  
TO ME?  
KUROKAWA-  
SAN...?

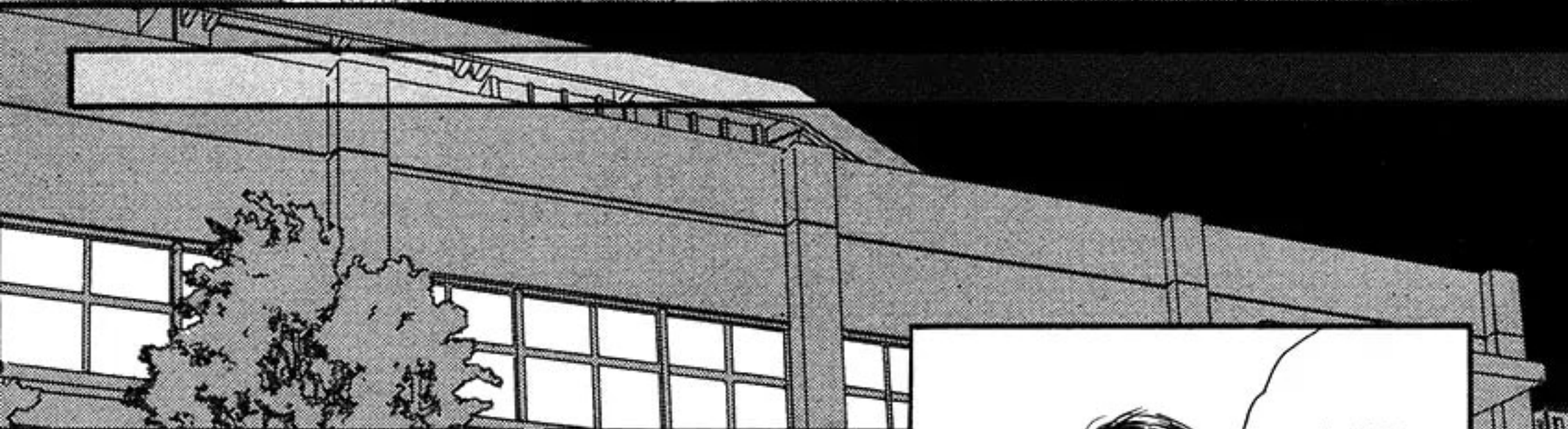
Hello?



SOB  
SOB

He's definitely planning something.  
He's going to kill me.  
He'll kill me in a very well  
thought out way.  
I'm sure I'll die in a way  
that looks like an  
accident or  
suicide.....

MUTTER  
MUTTER  
MUTTER



WELP  
...

Guess  
I'll go  
home



Sigh



GUESS  
THAT'S  
IT.....









YOU'RE  
STILL  
HERE?

THAT  
TOOK A  
LONG  
TIME



THINGS  
TO DO?  
.....  
WELL  
WHATEVER  
.....



Y-YEAH...

I HAD A FEW  
OTHER THINGS  
TO DO...



UHM...

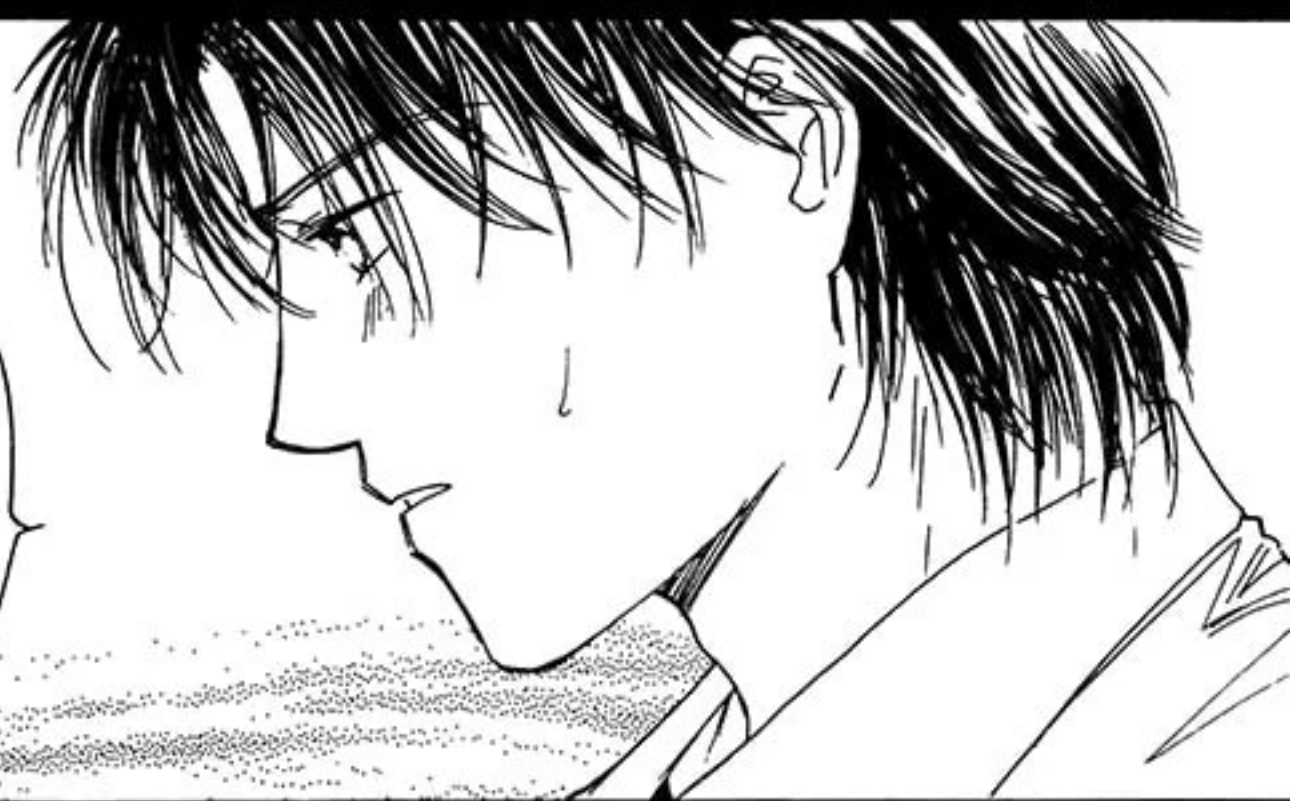


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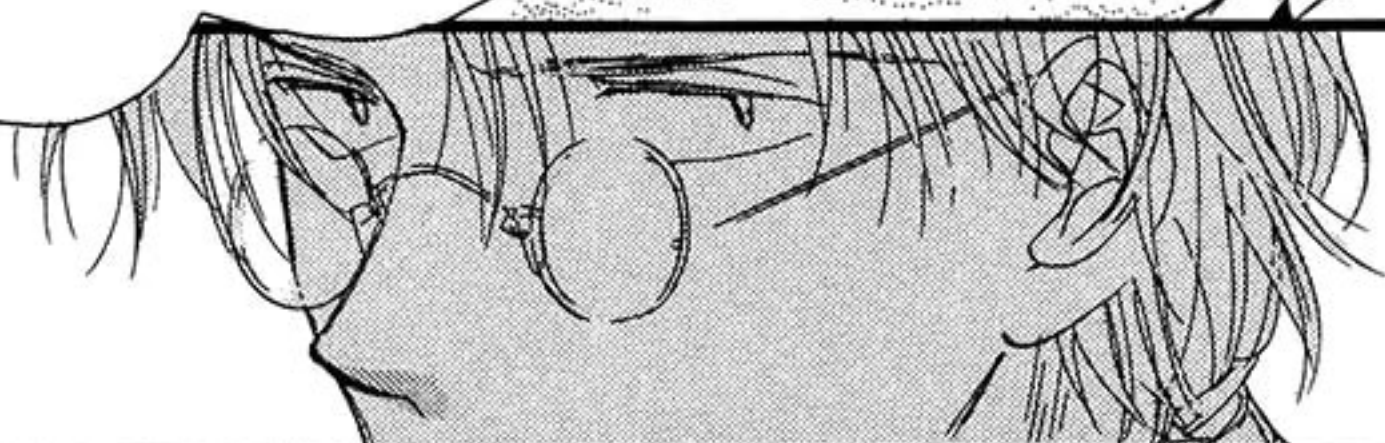
Clink





SENPAI,  
YOU KNEW  
I WAS STILL IN  
HERE WHEN  
YOU CAME IN,  
DIDN'T YOU?

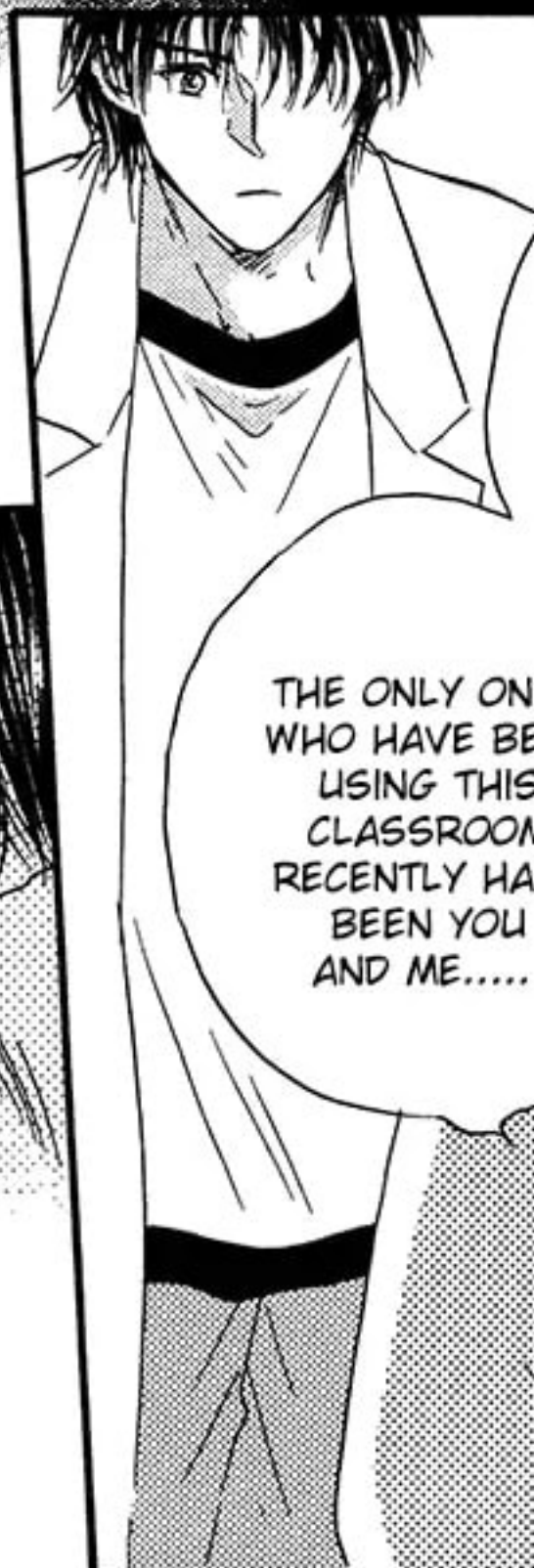
...YOU  
MUST HAVE,  
SINCE THE  
LIGHT WAS  
ON.....



RIGHT...?



SO  
THEN  
WHY...?



I  
GUESS  
SO

THE ONLY ONES  
WHO HAVE BEEN  
USING THIS  
CLASSROOM  
RECENTLY HAVE  
BEEN YOU  
AND ME.....



...





.....I'LL  
ACT LIKE  
I DIDN'T  
HEAR IT

SO YOU  
SHOULD  
FORGET IT  
RIGHT AWAY,  
TOO



HUH?



FORGET  
IT



FORGET  
IT?

FORGET  
WHAT?

I  
.....



WHAT DOES  
THAT MEAN?



UHM...

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?



THAT YOU'D  
HATE ME  
AND STOP  
TALKING TO  
ME.....

THAT YOU'D  
PUNCH ME AND  
CRITICIZE  
ME.....

...IF  
YOU WANT  
ME TO,  
I CAN

ANY  
UNPLEASANT  
MEMORIES?

IF HE  
DID THAT  
I'D FEEL  
BETTER...

BUT  
RATHER

HABA  
THAT'S  
NOT  
WHAT  
I MEAN

THOUGHT  
YOU'D BE

IT FELT LIKE  
HE'S OPENED  
UP TO ME  
A LOT...

BUT  
SINCE  
THEN...

I MEAN,  
THE FIRST  
TWO YEARS  
HE DIDN'T  
EVEN  
REMEMBER  
MY FACE

I'M SURE  
TO SENPAI  
I'M JUST AN  
UNDERCLASSMAN

EXTREMELY  
ANGRY,  
SENPAI  
.....



SO I  
SMOTHERED  
THOSE WORDS  
I ABSOLUTELY  
COULDN'T SAY  
WITH ALL MY  
MIGHT

IT WAS  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT  
TO ME

AND SO I  
DIDN'T WANT  
TO BETRAY  
THAT TRUST

AND NOW  
SENPAI IS  
TELLING ME  
TO FORGET  
ALL THOSE  
THINGS

WOULDN'T IT  
BE KINDER  
FOR HIM TO  
JUST GIVE  
ME A CLEAR  
ANSWER?

HOW  
COULD  
I JUST  
WASH  
THEM ALL  
AWAY SO  
EASILY?

IT WOULD  
BE LIKE  
DENYING  
OUR WHOLE  
"RELATIONSHIP"  
UP TO  
NOW EVEN  
HAPPENED

I  
CAN'T

JUST  
FORGET  
...!!

THAT'S SO  
RIDICULOUS,  
SENPAI...!





WHAT  
WAS  
THAT!?

HUH?

...THEN  
WHAT DO  
YOU WANT  
ME TO DO?

Smile

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT IT

I ALREADY  
WENT TO  
THE STUDENT  
AFFAIRS  
OFFICE THIS  
AFTERNOON  
AND STARTED  
THE PROCESS

BECAUSE  
I'M GOING  
TO QUIT  
SCHOOL

IT'S ALREADY  
TOO MUCH FOR ME  
EMOTIONALLY,  
AND NOW IT WILL  
BE AWKWARD  
BETWEEN US...

DIDN'T I  
TELL YOU?  
IT'S PAINFUL  
FOR ME

WHY ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO SUCH  
EXTREMES!?

AND THAT'S  
WHY I'M  
TELLING YOU  
I'LL FORGET  
IT!!

THERE'S  
NO REASON  
TO QUIT,  
IS THERE!?

And what about  
your masters!?!





I'VE... BEEN  
WATCHING YOU  
SINCE I FIRST  
CAME TO THIS  
SCHOOL....



FOR 4  
YEARS  
...



I'VE  
SINCERELY  
LIKED YOU...

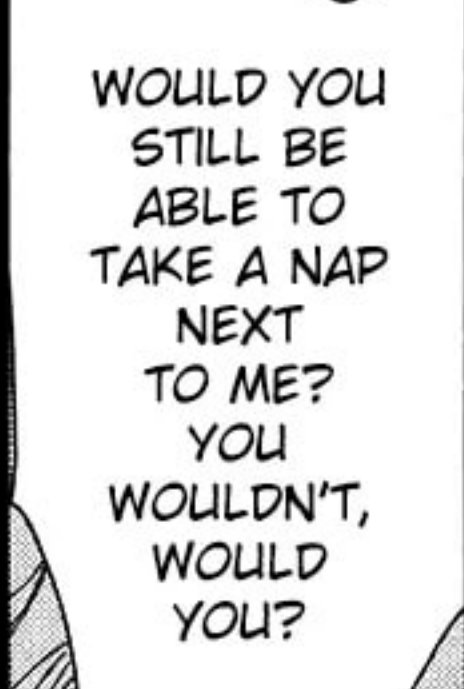


THERE'S NO  
WAY I'D BE  
ABLE TO  
FORGET  
THAT...



WOULD YOU BE  
ABLE TO COME  
OVER TO MY  
PLACE WITHOUT  
ANY HESITATION  
LIKE BEFORE?

Guh



WOULD YOU  
STILL BE  
ABLE TO  
TAKE A NAP  
NEXT  
TO ME?  
YOU  
WOULDN'T,  
WOULD  
YOU?



WHAT DOES  
FORGETTING  
IT MEAN?



DOES  
THAT MEAN  
WE JUST  
CONTINUE AS  
WE WERE  
WITHOUT  
ANYTHING  
CHANGING?



I HATE  
GAYS!

WAH

I HATE  
THEM  
SO MUCH  
I WANT  
THEM ALL  
TO DIE!!!

AND THAT  
BASTARD  
KUROKAWA

THAT  
FORMER  
ASSISTANT  
PROFESSOR

AND THAT  
FLIRTY  
EXCHANGE  
STUDENT

I WANT TO  
KILL THEM  
ALL!!

Your gay  
encounter rate  
is really high,  
senpai...

THEN, YOU  
BASTARD,  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TELLING  
ME TO  
DO?





I  
TRUSTED YOU  
COMPLETELY  
WITHOUT ANY  
SUSPICION  
\*\*\*\*\*

HOW COULD  
YOU DECEIVE  
ME LIKE THAT  
UP UNTIL  
NOW...?



YES...

I'M  
WELL  
AWARE  
\*\*\*\*\*

AND HONESTLY,  
I SHOULDN'T JUST  
STOP AT GETTING  
YOU TO QUIT BUT  
BEAT YOU WITH MY  
OWN HANDS!!



SLAM

HUH?

SO WHAT  
ARE YOU  
UNSATISFIED  
WITH!?!

AND YET  
I'M IGNORING  
THAT AND  
MAKING SUCH  
A HUGE  
CONCESSION  
HERE





.....  
HUH?



PANT  
PANT  
PANT



HUH  
...?



Thump  
Thump  
Thump

COULD  
IT BE  
THAT I...

MISUNDERSTOOD  
... ?



WHAT  
ELSE CAN  
I POSSIBLY  
DO.....?

EVEN  
THOUGH I'M  
ONE OF THE  
GAYS THAT  
HE HATES  
SO MUCH?

I THINK  
HE'S TELLING  
ME NOT  
TO LEAVE?





IT SEEMS  
HE'LL AT  
LEAST

LET ME  
STAY BY  
HIS SIDE



THAT  
SEEMS TO  
BE WHAT  
HE'S  
SAYING  
.....



AH!

Crap, did  
I say that  
out loud!?

I WANT  
.....

TO  
KISS YOU  
.....





I'M A  
LITTLE SAD  
I WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO HELP  
YOU  
ANYMORE



I'LL TRY TO  
ASK AROUND  
FOR SOMEONE  
WHO CAN  
REPLACE ME

BYE...



I REALLY  
AM GROSS,  
AREN'T I?

I'm  
sorry

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
FORCE  
YOURSELF

Well it can't  
be helped





**FINE,  
BUT JUST  
ONE TIME!!**



*Pissed*

*I'm not  
happy  
about it.*

UHM...  
BEING TOLD  
THAT BY FORCE  
IS A LITTLE  
.....



.....  
EH?

*What?  
Does he  
mean....?*



**COME ON!**

**COME AND  
GET IT  
BEFORE I  
CHANGE MY  
MIND!!**



**NOW DO IT!  
DO IT NOW!  
DO IT RIGHT  
THIS INSTANT!**

**YOU  
WANT TO,  
RIGHT?!**



ARE  
YOU  
GOING  
TO DO  
IT OR  
NOT!?

COME ON

COME ON

COME ON

DAMN!!!

AGH!

I really  
blurted out  
something  
insane!  
Geez!

I  
DIDN'T  
MEAN  
IT THAT  
WAY

YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND  
PEOPLE'S  
FEELINGS  
AT ALL...

THERE'S  
NO WAY I'D  
KISS HIM IN  
THIS INSANE  
SITUATION!

LIKE  
I SAID  
...!

HE  
DOESN'T  
GET IT  
  
HE  
REALLY  
DOESN'T  
GET IT

Squeeze

Trump



I'D BE  
EVEN A  
LITTLE  
BIT.....

THERE'S  
NO WAY  
.....







HAPPY  
ABOUT...

KISSING  
HIM...







HE  
TASTES LIKE  
CIGARETTES  
.....



AH



UH  
.....

THA-  
.....

Gasp

THAT WAS  
SO LONG,  
YOU  
PUNK

KICK

THAT'S  
ENOUGH!

SLAM

That was  
close!  
I almost  
bit my  
tongue

HM?

OW!

OWOW

Uwah!

DASH









NOW YOU  
GET YOUR  
MASTERS!

THAT'S ALL  
I'M GOING  
TO GIVE,  
THOUGH!

AND TAKE  
BACK YOUR  
REQUEST TO  
DROP OUT  
OF SCHOOL!!

UNDERSTAND?

SAY YOU  
UNDERSTAND!!

OKAY!

I...

I  
UNDERSTAND  
.....

THEN THAT  
ENDS THIS  
CONVERSATION!  
THE END!  
OVER!

SLAM













I remember  
that feeling  
every night

RIGHT?

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE IT  
EITHER



HUH?

WHY  
WOULDN'T  
IT?

NO

I MEAN  
HOW DID THAT  
MAKE YOU  
STAY AT THE  
SCHOOL,  
ANGEL-KUN?



BUT IF HE'S  
GONNA STOP  
ME LIKE  
THAT...

WELL...  
THAT'S  
PROBABLY  
TRUE...

IT'S LIKE  
HE'S FOUND  
YOUR  
WEAKNESS  
NOW

HE'S  
OBVIOUSLY  
GOING TO  
WORK YOU  
EVEN HARDER

And with no  
rewards...

OF  
COURSE

UH HUH  
YEAH,  
YEAH





DON'T GET  
WITHIN A  
METER OF  
ME!

SENPAI  
DOESN'T  
EVEN  
REALIZE IT  
HIMSELF

He still hates  
gays as much  
as ever.



YOU...!!

HUMPH

AND YET YOU  
SAID YOU'D  
FORGET IT...



I  
KNOW!

I JUST  
GAVE IN  
BECAUSE  
I DON'T  
WANT YOU TO  
BLAME ME  
AFTERWARDS  
BECAUSE YOU  
QUIT SCHOOL  
AND RUINED  
YOUR LIFE!

DON'T TAKE  
THIS THE  
WRONG  
WAY!



THEN  
HOW AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO HELP  
YOU?

Don't  
attack  
me!

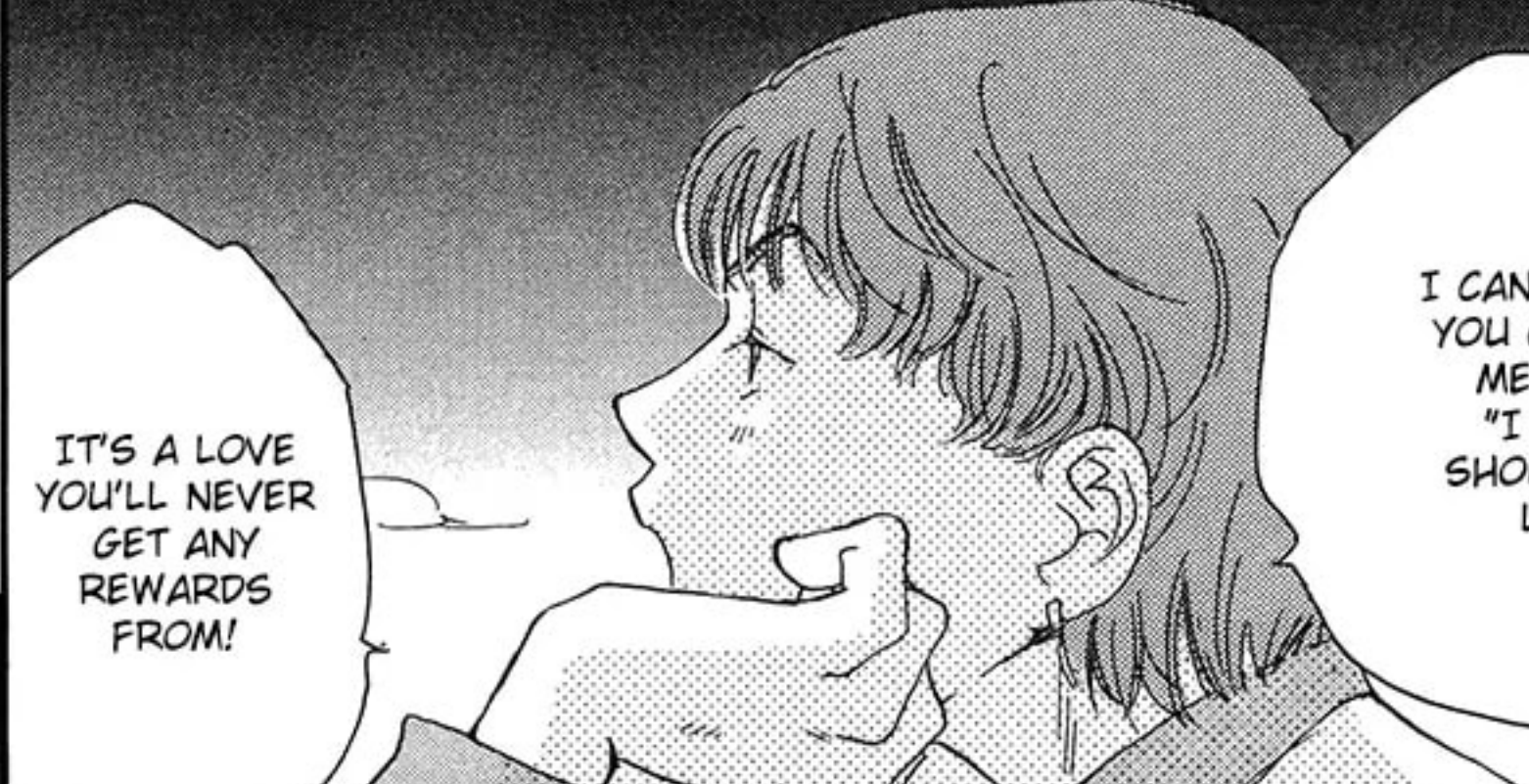
UGH.....  
I GUESS  
WHEN  
YOU'RE  
HELPING  
THERE'S NO  
AVOIDING  
IT.....

Note: It's not like quitting school would ruin his life.









IT'S A LOVE  
YOU'LL NEVER  
GET ANY  
REWARDS  
FROM!

Sigh  
I CAN JUST SEE  
YOU CRYING TO  
ME SAYING  
"I REALLY  
SHOULD HAVE  
LEFT!"



I DON'T THINK  
THAT'S TRUE

REALLY?



IT'S NOT A  
BAD THING  
TO HAVE  
HOPE

BUT YOU DO  
SEEM TO BE  
HAPPIER



I MEAN,  
WAITING 4  
YEARS HAS  
PAID OFF  
FOR ME?

HOW?

Are you  
crazy  
.....

I'VE PROVED TO  
HIM THAT NOT  
ALL GAYS ARE  
RAPE DEMONS

THERE'S A  
POSSIBILITY





YOU'RE SO  
TOLERANT,  
ANGEL-KUN  
...

OR MAYBE  
YOU'RE  
JUST  
STUPID



HMM

SO  
WHAT IS,  
ANGEL-KUN,  
WHO HAS NO  
BOYFRIEND,  
DOING  
TONIGHT?

...I DON'T  
THINK I'M  
STUPID



THE EFFORT  
HAS ITS  
REWARDS

HE'S LETTING  
ME STAY  
NEAR HIM,  
AND THAT'S  
ENOUGH FOR  
NOW...

EVEN  
THOUGH I  
CONFESSED  
THAT I'M  
GAY









# BASHING PAVLOV



Kurokawa-  
nnaan, will  
these plates  
do?

D  
A  
N  
E

SCRAPE  
SCRAPE

CLACK

SPLIT

Ack.





SLIP

Gotta watch what I'm doing.

Here, plates.

That was a close call.

Ack.



CREAK



I'm sorry, Tatsumi-kun.

Oop!





Mm...



Did I...

Huh?



UGH...

WAAAA

Did I...  
remember  
to lock the  
doors and  
windows?

...

SLIDE

HI!

Reiko-  
san!

Is that  
you,  
Tatsumi-  
kun?









But that would be asking for trouble...

SIGH



Hmm



If not that, then he needs to see Souichi-kun himself.



Uh...



HMM

What to do ...?



Pardon?



What if we run a disaster drill?



Later  
...

A  
disaster  
drill,  
huh?

Good  
analogy.

That guy's  
a disaster,  
all right.

That's my  
Isogai-kun!

So quick  
to catch  
on.♡

Sorry to call  
you out, but  
we needed  
backup...

Nah, I'm  
just glad  
to see you.  
It's been  
a while.

You're  
looking  
good.

Um...

I still  
haven't  
caught  
on...

In short,  
it's like  
this!



Mitsugu then walks in just as Tatsumi-kun is being kidnapped,

and the actor (Isogai) takes one for the team!

Save me, Kurokawa-san!

Why, it's Souichi-kun!

While Mitsugu is out, an actor portraying Souichi-kun (Isogai) will sneak into the apartment.

Actor portrayal

Dramatization

And, finally...

Of course, we'll give Mitsugu all the credit, won't we?

Get it now?

No, not really...

The actor flees.

He'll think he's invincible!

LOVE & PEACE

Together their prize is LOVE & PEACE

















If I'm not mistaken  
...

What  
do you  
say?

It would  
give us a  
little more  
time to  
prepare.

Well, Isogai-kun  
is only able to  
help out tonight  
because Mitsugu  
is coming home  
late, right?



We seem  
to be veering  
further and  
further from  
our target  
image!

Paper  
bag

But this  
ought to  
do the  
trick.

After  
a long  
friendship,  
I know this  
man well  
enough...

to know  
that a  
mere wig  
won't fool  
him.



We can do other  
things to make  
him think I'm  
Souichi-kun.

Just  
what  
are you  
thinking  
?!

EXCUSE  
ME!

ISOGAI-  
SAN?!



Damn  
that  
Isogai...

Leaving  
early and  
making me  
work over-  
time...

At this  
point, we  
need not  
bother with  
details...

You might  
as well use  
*that thing*,  
too.

Ooh,  
lucky! ♡

Wait a  
minute,  
please!

Aren't we  
losing sight  
of our  
goal?

What  
are you  
two  
doing?!

Huh?

4/1K



GASP

This...

This can't  
be what I  
think it is...

SILENCE

The  
door's not  
locked.

I've  
been giving  
explicit  
instructions  
to lock it...

NOK

NOK

TATSUMI-  
KUN!!

NOK

TATSUMI-  
KUN?!

ARE  
YOU  
HERE?

FLIP FLOP







Ugh!  
The light  
won't  
turn on!

WHISPER  
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If you're  
there,  
come out!

CLACK

This  
is below  
even  
you!

GASP

Souichi-  
kun?!

FLASH

I've got  
you now!

I need  
a flash-  
light.





Concussion...

He's not  
fooled...



Weak and  
san.

Stay back!  
For some  
reason, he's  
out on the  
balcony on  
STANDBY.



He got  
me...

You're  
not  
Souichi-  
kun!

A degenerate!  
A bad man!

WH-  
WHO ARE  
YOU?!





WAHHH,  
911!

CHOKE  
CHOK  
CHOK  
CHOK  
CHO

CLENCH

It doesn't matter  
if it's Souichi-kun  
or a bad man, as  
long as he repels  
his attacker.

Jeez, the  
phone's  
been cut,  
too!

Go get  
him.  
Mitsugu!

I... I  
wonder  
if he's  
OK...

?!  
  
S  
I  
P

Pachinko  
balls

ACK!





ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT,  
KUROKAWA-  
SAN?!

KUROKAWA-  
SAN?!



What's he  
doing?

TATSUMI-  
KUN?!



Kurokawa-  
saaan!

SKOOOP



Not  
good.

He's  
jumping  
the gun!





You're not hurt, are you?

BLUSH

No...  
The truth is—

UH



Tatsumi-kun!

Thank goodness you're safe.

But why are you out on the balcony?



Don't tell him yet!

But—

WFF  
AME



Get your hands off him!

Hey, what do you think you're doing?!







CRAB

SLIDE

Ahh,  
forgive  
me,  
Kurokawa  
-san!

I didn't  
agree to  
this...

K  
K  
K  
AK

EEK?

Oss





....?!

















